

STUDY ON HEADSHIP

1 CORINTHIANS 11

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- **This chapter specifically deals with the assembly gathering.**
 - **V 17 “when you come together”**
 - **V 18 “when you come together”**
 - **V 20 “when you come together”**
 - **V 33 “when you come together”**

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- **We see clearly in the scripture, God is a God of “order”. The order of headship in heaven. Father-Son-Holy Spirit**
- **Otherwise there will be conflict in heaven**
- **God also translated this same principle when he established “Government” on earth. God-government-people**
- **Same principle of headship order is in the church. Christ-man-woman**
- **In the home – Husband-wife-children**

Symbols in 1 Cor 11

There are FOUR symbols in 1 Cor. 11

**Two symbols in the first half of the chapter,
and two in the second half.**

- (1) The uncovered man**
- (2) The covered head of woman**
- (3) The bread representing the body of Christ**
- (4) The cup representing the blood of Christ**

Four symbols

- **Either we accept, believe and practice all four symbols or reject all of them !!**

Headship in – 1Cor 11

In the church, God ordained headship for order, 1 Cor. 11:3

***(The head of every man is Christ;
And the head of the woman is man;
And the head of Christ is God.)***

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The last phrase in verse 3 is an important key to the subject. Christ is not inferior to God but co-equal with the Father. Christ in His infinite grace took the place of subjection for our redemption.

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So, “*the head of the woman is man*” does not imply inferiority of woman, but her subordination to man in the Church – as it is also in home. Eph 5:22-24

Man's head uncovered – v 4

A man should not cover his head in the gatherings of Lord's people

Reasons:

- (1) It would be dishonoring to man's head which is Christ v.4**
- (2) Man “*is the image and glory of God*” v.7, and the glory of God should be seen & not covered.**

Covered head of the woman_vv 5-16

- **These verses state six principles.**
- **1. Headship:** V.5,6 - With out a head covering in a church meeting, the woman dishonor her “head”, that is, the man and ultimately dishonors Christ who is the head of every man.
- **2. Glory:** v.7 – “***The woman is the glory of the man***” – When brothers and sisters come together in a church gathering they should do so for the glory of God alone. The glory of the man should not be seen. Thus the woman should be covered.

3. Creation: vv.8-10 *“For the man is not of (from) the woman; but the woman of (from) the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.”*

4. Angels: v.10 ***“because of the Angels”*** who are careful observers of the church, where they learn lessons on *“the manifold wisdom of God”* made *“known by the church”* Eph 3:10.

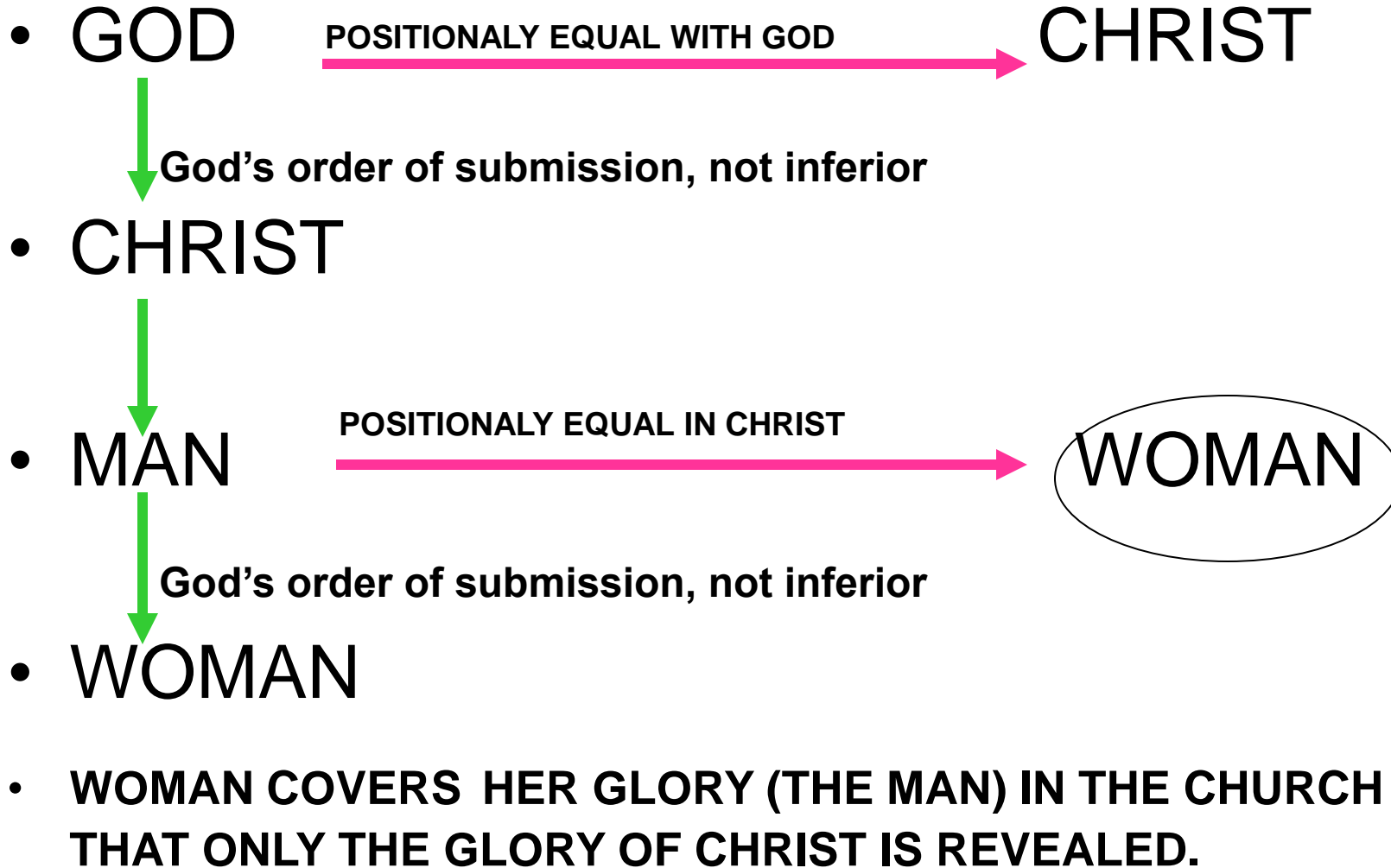
5. Nature: v.13-15 ***“does not nature itself teach you....”*** By the provision of long hair for women **and of short hair for men**, nature, our God-appointed teacher instructs us that a woman’s long hair is a glory for her and a covering.

And long hair for a man is a “shame” v.14

“her hair is given her for a covering” does not mean she does not need a head covering in addition; otherwise, the teaching of the whole passage would be redundant and contradictory. The word for ***“covering”*** here is different from that in vv. 4-6

6. Church and Apostolic Practice: v.16 – *“If any man (or woman) seem to be contentious, we have no such custom.”* – that is, there was no other apostolic practice other than that which the apostle has been insisting on, namely the uncovered head of man and the covered head of woman. This was not only the principle for the church at Corinth but was the practice of all the churches.

Conclusion



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- Headship order in heaven
- Headship order in government
- Headship order in Church
- Headship order in the family