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APOSTOLIC WORSHIP

**1 Corinthians 11:1-16**

***I Corinthians 11:1 "Be ye followers of me, even as I also [am] of Christ."***

***I Corinthians 11:2 "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered [them] to you."***

Paul is saying, he tried to live a life before them that they could follow. The best sermon a person can preach is the life they live. The Apostle Paul had lived a Christian example that they could follow. He really saying, follow the apostolic pattern or tradition that I have given you, because my walk is ordered by Christ.

***Psalms 37:23***

***23The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.***

***Psalms 37:37***

***37Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.***

***Ephesians 5:1***

***1Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;***

Paul was commending the Corinthians on their remembrance and obedience to the ordinances of Christ. "Ordinances", here, means traditions which are the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation, or the fact of being passed on in this way. There is a great distinction between human and divine traditions. Paul is answering the letter they had written them and says that they need to remember and obey the apostolic traditions he taught them more than the traditions of men.

***Matthew 15:3***

***3But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?***

Ordinances are of God and are apostolic worship practices essential to salvation, whose intent is to demonstrate an adherent's faith. Apostolic believes teach that Jesus gave two ordinances (doctrines) to be carried out by a church: baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Each of these is both symbolic and highly significant because each symbolizes the Christian message of grace and salvation.

***Hebrews 6:1-3***

***1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,***

***2Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.***

***3And this will we do, if God permit.***

***Romans 6:3-5***

***3Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?***

***4Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

***5For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:***

***1 Corinthians 11:23-26***

***23For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:***

***24And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.***

***25After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.***

***26For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.***

***I Corinthians 11:3 "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman [is] the man; and the head of Christ [is] God."***

The concept of headship does not denote qualitative or essential difference. It demonstrates responsibility and accountability, not superiority. The Godhead is the ultimate example. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are one in essence, yet distinct in function.

***Acts 17:29***

***29Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.***

***Romans 1:20***

***20For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:***

***Colossians 2:9***

***9For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.***

***1 John 5:7-8***

***7For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.***

***8And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.***

This is speaking of the body. This is in the realm of the family. The husband is the head of the wife in the family. This is an earthly ordinance and is speaking of the flesh of man. Actually, the head of the entire body of Christ is Jesus Christ. Men and women make up the body of Christ. In the Lord Jesus Christ the distinction between the sexes was done away with. There is an order in the home that should be observed. The husband is the head of the house. In this sense, he rules over the woman. This is in the flesh realm, and not in the spirit.

***Ephesians 5:23 "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."***

The family on earth is a replica of the family in heaven. Father God is over all. All believers in Christ are the bride of Christ. We are all sons of God by adoption. Male and female genders are in the flesh for the earth and have nothing to do with the spirit of mankind. The family on earth should still observe the man being the head of his family.

***I Corinthians 11:4 "Every man praying or prophesying, having [his] head covered, dishonoureth his head."***

This is just saying that a man should not pray in public with his head covered. We read that the head of man was Christ. When he is praying or prophesying, it should be very obvious that Christ is his head.

***I Corinthians 11:5 "But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with [her] head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven."***

The idea here is not that the woman is praying or prophesying. There is nothing wrong with the woman prophesying or praying. The thing is that she must have her covering on her head in distinction to the man with his head uncovered. The covering is symbolic, indicating submission to authority.

***I Corinthians 11:15 "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for [her] hair is given her for a covering."***

This is saying that a woman with extremely short hair, or a bald-headed woman should not pray or prophesy. This is speaking of public worship. In Corinth it was not uncommon for prostitutes and loose women to shave their heads signifying their availability to the men in the streets. Her husband surely would be embarrassed, if she was bald-headed, or had her hair cut like a man's.

***I Corinthians 11:6 "For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered."***

For those women to fail to comply with the apostolic teaching to cover their head, Paul says let her be shorn. Since they willfully disobey spiritual instructions, he uses natural reverse psychology to try shame them to obedience.

***I Corinthians 11:7 "For a man indeed ought not to cover [his] head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man."***

This is really speaking of husband and wife. A good wife is a reflection of her husband. They two are one flesh. They should be one. They should walk together side by side. They should be in agreement as far as is possible. What Paul is probably referring to here is the fact that God made man from the dust of the earth. He made him in His own image. Woman was taken from the rib of man next to his heart. There is a special bond between husband and wife that is impossible to explain. A good wife is a blessing to her husband. Men and women are made in the image of God.

***I Corinthians 11:8 "For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man."***

***I Corinthians 11:9 "Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."***

The woman was made from the rib of man. She was not made from his heel bone, for him to walk on her, neither was she made from his head bone to rule over him. She was to walk with him side by side as his helpmeet. The word "woman" means taken from man. They two shall be one flesh. The man and his wife are one in the flesh. Man was lonesome, and God made him a mate.

***Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."***

The word “man”, in this verse, means a human being, or mankind.

***Genesis 2:23 "And Adam said, This [is] now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."***

Even though the woman came from the rib of man, she was also made in the image of God. God created man {mankind} in his own image from verse 27 of chapter 1 of Genesis above.

***I Corinthians 11:10 "For this cause ought the woman to have power on [her] head because of the angels."***

The word that was translated "power" here, {exousia}, means power and authority. The word can, also, mean ability, privilege, force, capacity, competency, freedom, or magistrate. It can, also, mean superhuman, token of control, jurisdiction, right, and strength. We have just read above, that in this world in the realm of the flesh, the husband is the head of the woman. The word that "cause" was translated from means channel. "Ought" in the verse above means under obligation. It is very important for the woman to recognize her husband as her head in the home. He is her head in the family realm. The husband and wife are one in the flesh. Their roles are different in the home, and each should be proud of what they are. The voluntary divine submission and finds symbolism in the service and function of apostolic women in worship. “Because of the angels”, refer to the heavenly worship of veiled angels serving in the presence of God.

***Isaiah 6:2***

***2Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.***

***I Corinthians 11:11 "Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord."***

Now we see that Paul is saying something entirely different. Surely enough one could not be without the other. Woman could not be without man, but man could not be without a woman to birth him either. We are one in the Lord. In God's view, there is no difference. God looks on the spirit and not on the flesh. Male and female genders here on this earth are so that they together with God can procreate a civilization to worship God. God does not look at the flesh of mankind, He looks at the spirit.

***I Corinthians 11:12 "For as the woman [is] of the man, even so [is] the man also by the woman; but all things of God."***

We know that God is Creator of all mankind. It is not really any of our business how He goes about it. God had all of this figured out from the foundation of the world. This is all part of the plan God had for mankind. Long before the temptation in the Garden of Eden, God told man to populate the earth. There is no sin in the creative act, if it is done in the way God planned from the beginning.

***I Corinthians 11:13 "Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?"***

We must remember back, that this is speaking of the covering of her hair. Her hair must cover her head. The only time she would not have this covering would be in the case of an adulteress, when her head had been shaved in punishment.

***I Corinthians 11:14 "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?"***

If a man had long hair, it would be as if he is saying, he is ashamed of Christ who is his head. "Nature" in the verse above, means something within you. Your own good sense tells you long hair on a man is a shame. The reason that Paul has brought the thing about the hair up is, he is trying to explain that women should not wear their clothes and cut their hair to appear to be a man. The men should not wear long hair and appear to be a woman. He is really speaking out against homosexuality and lesbianism. In the Old Testament, there was an occasion for a man to grow his hair long, when he took the Nazarite vow. He was humbling himself before God for a period of time. At the end of the vow, he would cut his hair and sacrifice it. This was very much like the fast Christians enter in today, when praying for some specific thing. The long hair, here, was short lived.

***1 Corinthians 11:15 "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for [her] hair is given her for a covering."***

This is covered in verse 13 above. A woman who prays in church to God must have hair on her head. {This does not include women who have illness and have lost their hair from treatments} The bald head of a woman in this time element meant that she was an adulteress. Then an adulteress should not pray in the church, or at special functions.

***I Corinthians 11:16 "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God."***

"Contentious", in the verse above, means quarrelsome or disputing. Paul is explaining that all of the things he has said before about the women ministering and about the hair of men and women, is an apostolic ordinance designed to teach order, submission and humility. “We have no such custom” means this is the standard practice in all apostolic churches. To violate this part of apostolic worship is not Christlike, but not to be divisive.

***Philippians 3:15***

***15Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.***

**QUESTIONS**

1. Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What is the best sermon a person can give to others?
3. What had Paul tried to be before him?
4. What does "ordinances", in verse 2, mean?
5. Traditions are \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ordinances are of \_\_\_\_.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the head of the wife in the family.
8. The head of the entire body of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Who makes up the body of Christ?
10. What is the family on earth a replica of?
11. Who make up the bride of Christ?
12. What does verse 4 mean about the man not having his head covered?
13. Is there anything wrong with a woman praying or prophesying?
14. What is the woman's covering?
15. Why did they shave a woman's head?
16. A good wife is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of her husband.
17. God made man from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. Woman was taken from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_.
19. What does the word power, from verse 10, mean?
20. Does not nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto him?
21. What does "contentious" in verse 16, mean?