

KEY VERSE OF
WEEK 11

Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Corinthians 11: 3

CONTEXT

As we move into Chapter 11, Paul starts talking about heads and head coverings. What in the world?! Now there was a lot culturally going on with the Corinthians. There were some traditions in the church in regards to dress code. There was a difference between the way the Greeks dressed and the way the Romans dressed. There was a clash within the Greco-Roman world and it was showing up in the worship. Paul is addressing the Roman tradition of pagan priests that covered their heads with their togas. Emperor Augustus was covering his head in prayer to the pagan gods and he was putting up statues of him with a covered head and putting it on coins to show that this tradition was a high status. Men began to emulate him with their dress and it was showing up in worship within The Corinthians Church. Paul drops the mic in verse 1 by stating that we are to follow his example as he follows the example of Christ. This could be a statement directed at the people that were following the pagan example of Emperor Augustus to exude a status of popularity.

Paul addressed the women and how they were challenging the tradition of married women wearing a veil or a head covering. Women were rebelling and removing the head coverings to demonstrate equality with men. There are also commentaries that say women were removing their veils in worship and it was a distraction because it would be the same as a married woman removing her wedding ring. It communicated her availability for a relationship with another man other than her husband.

Needless the say, covering of heads and uncovering of heads was causing quite a lot of distraction and disturbance in worship and people were not able to truly focus on The One that was to be worshipped because everyone was watching the heads of those in the body. In summary, Paul basically is saying: "Everyone has a head. What are you allowing to turn your head? Is there a person, a trend, etc? Or is Christ truly the Head of you?"

Dig in with Erin this week...it's good stuff!

Praying for you, Sis!

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"WHO IS IN CHARGE AROUND HERE?"

1 CORINTHIANS 11

WHAT WAS THE WORST HAIR DAY YOU CAN REMEMBER?

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF TRADITIONS THAT YOU CELEBRATE IN YOUR CHURCH?
WHAT ABOUT TRENDS THAT ARE SWEEPING YOUR SCHOOL RIGHT NOW?

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES DOES OUR HEAD HAVE FOR THE REST OF OUR BODY?
WHAT FUNCTIONS DOES OUR HEAD PROVIDE FOR OUR BODY?
CAN WE SURVIVE WITHOUT OUR HEAD?

PAUL IS TAKING THE QUESTION OF "SHOULD WE STILL WEAR HEAD COVERINGS" AND GETTING TO THE ROOT OF THE ISSUE. THE ROOT OF THE ISSUE IS "WHO IS IN CHARGE AROUND HERE?" THE QUESTION OF IS CHRIST IN CHARGE OR IS EMPEROR AUGUSTUS IN CHARGE OR ARE WE IN CHARGE? SURRENDER WAS THE NAME OF THE GAME. WHAT ARE YOU ALLOWING TO TURN YOUR HEAD? IS THERE A PERSON, A TREND, ETC? OR IS CHRIST TRULY THE HEAD OF YOU?

TAKE A MOMENT TO END YOUR TIME TODAY BY COVERING YOUR HEAD WITH YOUR HANDS AND ASKING HIM TO TURN YOUR HEAD TOWARDS HIM. WHEN YOU SURRENDER YOUR BODY TO BE HEADED UP BY CHRIST, HE WILL GUIDE AND DIRECT YOUR MOVEMENTS IN AMAZING WAYS FOR HIS GLORY.

PRAY

Before you start to read the chapter of the week, ask The Lord to help you read His Word today. Ask Him to teach you today. Ask Him to see things in your own life you can't see. Ask Him to help you take what you read and apply it.

READ

What verses are you reading from today? _____

What version of the bible are you reading it in today? (Try reading it in 3 different translations. Circle the translations you are reading it in below.)

Formal Translations:

"word for word" translation

New American Standard
English Standard Version
Holman Christian Standard
Revised Standard Version
New RSV

Functional Translations:

"Thought for thought"

New International Version
New American Bible
Revised English Bible
Good News Bible
New Living Translation

Free Translations:

"A Paraphrase"

New English Bible
Living Bible
The Message

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Write out what is happening in the verses you read. Put it in your own words.

APPLY

Reflect on what you just read, and walk through these questions with Jesus.

Is there a sin I need to confess to Him and ask Him to forgive me?

Is there a truth that I need to believe today?

Is there a promise that I need to hear and hold on to today?

Is there something I need to ask The Lord to help me live differently because of what I just read?

QUESTIONS

What questions came up when you read the verses today? Were there words or customs that you didn't understand? Write those out. Those are important to not just pass over. Those are some of the ways He calls your attention to something you need to pay attention to in your own life.

PRAY/JOURNAL

Take some time to pray/journal after your time of reading. Ask God to change your heart so that you look more and more like Him and less and less like the world. Ask Him to break your heart for what breaks His heart. Ask Him to help you focus on Him and less on what is all around you.