

Introduction: Christianity, religion above others: teaches that regardless of race, age, gender or social standings, we are all equal before our Heavenly Father. Yet with freedom, people can take it to extremes, forgetting responsibility and others, such as with food offered to idols. So this morning, Paul gives us basics of order.

1. Redemption (vs. 3-7)

- a. Hierarchy in Creation: Father God above all, Jesus over church, man over woman.
- b. John 14.28 God is over Jesus, though John 10.30 Jesus and God are one.
- c. Man is over the woman, even though in Christ, they are equal.

2. Creation (vs. 8-12)

- a. Man – God's image. Woman – glory of man.
- b. Paul emphasizes partnership.
- c. Even angels are part of creation, and know their place and show their submission, such as Isa 6.2, Eph 3.10, 1 Pe 1.12

3. Nature (vs. 13-16)

- a. In most cultures, men – short hair, women – long. How long?
- b. Shameful for men to look like women, or vice versa.

Application: 3 Lessons

1. Different Does not Devalue

- a. Male dominated argument against Christianity
- b. Paul did not forbid women from praying in public or prophesying. (Prophesy – instant message. Preaching – study) Just from holding eldership and having authority over men.
- c. Does not make man superior-remembering that neither can exist without the other.

2. We need to stand for the Word.

- a. fear and trepidation, afraid of offending another person,
- b. but who is saying this? God is the author of Scripture. Therefore we can proclaim the Word with Boldness. Rejecting Bible = rejecting God.

3. We need to submit to the Word.

- a. James 1.22 – listen to the word.
- b. Being the church is about being different from the World. For the church in Corinth, Women had long hair or shawl. Men kept hair short. Does it apply today?