

**First things first**  
**17. Men and women in worship (1 Cor. 11v2-16)**

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**Introduction**

- the situation in Corinth?

**Headship explained (v3)**

- Paul's principle
- Paul's arguments

**Headship applied (v4-10)**

- to them then
- to us now

**Headship clarified (v11-16)**

- mutuality (v11-12)
- distinctiveness (v13-16)

**Conclusion**

**Bible references:** Col. 1:18, Eph. 5:23, Gal. 3:28

**1 Corinthians 11v2-16 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you.

<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. <sup>5</sup> And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is just as though her head were shaved. <sup>6</sup> If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head.

<sup>7</sup> A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup> For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; <sup>9</sup> neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup> For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head.

<sup>11</sup> In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. <sup>12</sup> For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. <sup>13</sup> Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup> Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, <sup>15</sup> but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. <sup>16</sup> If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God.