

Orlando Bible Students-Monday Evening Study Outline



I Corinthians 11:1-16

August-September 2019

1. **(Verse 1)** How does Paul qualify the statement that we should follow him? Explain how this same principle should apply when viewing the examples we have among the brethren? *Phil. 3:17-19; Phil. 4:8,9; I Thess. 1:6,7; Heb. 6:12*

2. **(Verse 2)** The word “keep” in the King James means to “hold fast.” What do the Scriptures tell us are some of the things we are to “keep” or “hold fast” to? *I Thess. 5:21; II Tim. 1:13,14; Heb. 3:6; Heb. 4:14-16; Heb. 10:23; Eph. 4:3; I John 3:22-24*

3. **(Verse 3)** In this verse Paul begins to talk about the marriage of a man and woman as picturing a spiritual relationship. In this spiritual arrangement:
 - a. Who is represented by the woman (bride or wife)? *II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-27; Rev. 19:7,8; 21:2,9*
 - b. Who is pictured by the man (bridegroom or husband)? *Eph. 5:23,24; Acts 20:28; Rom. 7:4*
 - c. What does the headship of the man over the woman represent spiritually? *Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 4:15,16; Col. 1:18,19*
 - d. Spiritually speaking, who is the head over all? *I Cor. 3:21-23; I Cor. 15:27,28; Phil. 2:10,11*

The subject of head coverings:

With verse 3 as a backdrop, in verses 4-16, the Apostle Paul considers the symbol of head coverings. First, it is important to remember that this is only a symbol. It is also worth noting that brethren, through conscientious study, have come to differing conclusions as to what specifically is meant in these verses by a sister’s “head covering.” It is a matter of how one interprets Paul’s words, and of each one’s conscience in applying what they believe Paul is saying. Therefore, we suggest that it should not be our purpose in this study to try and prove one thought right and another thought wrong, as far as the symbol is concerned. The reality is of much greater importance, and we all know what that reality is: Christ is head over the Church, his body, and he has covered her with the merit of his sacrifice. This is a fundamental truth of which we are very sure, and this will be the primary focus of the questions below.

4. **(Verses 4-6)** In the picture of the man representing Christ, and the woman representing the Church, what is the “covering” that Christ provides for the Church, and why is it critical that the Church abide under that covering? *Isa. 61:10; Phil 3:9; Rom. 4:7; Rev. 3:18*

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5. **(Verses 7-9)** Referring to this same picture, who is the “image and glory” of God? *Heb. 1:1-3; Col. 1:15,16*

6. **(Verses 7-9)** In what way should the Church strive to be in the image and glory of Christ? *II Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29; I Cor. 15:48,49*

7. **(Verse 10)** As prospective members of the bride of Christ, what “power” should our Lord have over our daily walk as our “head”? *Col. 2:6-13; Col. 2:19; Phil. 3:9,10; II Cor. 12:9*

8. **(Verses 11-12)** In what sense are we all “one” in the Lord, regardless whether we are brothers or sisters according to the flesh? *Gal. 3:28; I Cor. 12:12,25-27; John 17:20,21*

9. **(Verses 13-15)** The ISV translation renders the first part of verse 13, “Decide for yourselves.” How does this show the importance of each one (i.e., each sister) making their own conscientious judgment as to the matter of a head covering? *I Tim. 1:5; I Tim. 1:18,19; Rom. 14:12*

10. **(Verse 16)** Paul concludes his discussion of this subject by using the word “custom” rather than “commandment.” What should we learn from his approach in this regard? *Rom. 14:5; I Cor. 7:6,25; II Cor. 8:8; Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:3; I Pet. 5:5*