

1 Corinthians 11

Paul addressed how the Corinthians should **conduct themselves properly as they gather together, for both men & women (especially in their dressing)** as well as how they **observe the Lord's supper**

Guide

1. Paul reiterated the authority-subordinate relationship of God, Christ, man/husband & woman/wife (v.2-3)

Ch 3

*But I want you to understand that the **head** of every **man** is **Christ**, the **head** of a **wife** is her **husband**, & the **head** of **Christ** is **God** (v.3)*

Q2

2. Paul spoke against their congregational practice; where the man, in covering his head & showing off his head-dress, displayed a lack of humility; & the woman, in not covering her head, displayed a lack of modesty & is asserting her independence (v.4-7)

Q3-4

*Every **man** who prays or prophesies with his **head covered** dishonors his head, but every **wife** who prays or prophesies with her **head uncovered** dishonors her head—it is the same as if her head were shaven. (v.4-5)*

(Apply)
Q5-6

3. Paul established (from the creation account, childbirths, & also examples from nature) the authority & subordination relationship as well as the interdependence between a husband & a wife (v.8-16)

*For man was not made from woman, but woman from man.
Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. (v.8-9)
for as **woman was made from man**, so **man is now born of woman**.
And all things are from God. (v.12)
Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair
it is a disgrace for him, but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory?
For her hair is given to her for a covering. (v.14-15)*

Q7-8

(Apply)
Q9-12

4. Paul expressed disappointment over their discriminatory & inconsiderate conduct during the Lord's Supper/fellowship meals (v.17-22)

Chp 4

*But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but **for the worse**. For, in the first place, **when you come together as a church**, I hear that there are divisions among you. (v.17-18)*

Q2-4

(Apply)
Q5-6

5. Paul explained that the Lord's Supper/fellowship meals were instituted to remember Jesus & His atoning death (v.23-26)

*Do this in **remembrance of me**. (v.24, 26)
For as often as you eat this bread & drink the cup, you **proclaim the Lord's death** until he comes.*

Q7-8

6. Paul urged them to examine themselves (v.27-32) & give due consideration to one another (v.33-34) in the light of Christ & His church lest they face the Lord's discipline

Q9-11

*Let a person **examine** himself, then, & so eat of the bread & drink of the cup (v.28)...So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, **wait** for one another (v.33)*

(Apply)
Q12-13

1 Corinthians 12

Paul explained how **spiritual gifts** come from the **same Lord**, through the **Spirit** & for the **edification of the church**

Guide

1. Paul appealed to the Corinthians to understand spiritual gifts in view of the work of the Spirit & rule of Christ (v.1-3)

Ch 5

Now concerning **spiritual gifts**, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. (v.1)...no one can say "**Jesus is Lord**" except in the **Holy Spirit** (v.3)

Q2

2. Paul explained that though spiritual gifts are varied, they come from the same Lord as He wills & are given for the common good of the church (v.4-11)

Now there are **varieties of gifts**, but the **same Spirit**; & there are varieties of service, but the **same Lord** (v.4-5)...To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the **common good** (v.7)
All these are empowered by one & the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually **as he wills**. (v.7)

Q3-4

(Apply)

Q5-6

3. Paul emphasized on the oneness of the church despite its diversities, (v.12-13) illustrating how the church is made up of many members (v.14-20) & yet, one body (v.20-26)

For just as the body is one & has many members, & all the members of the body, though many, are one body, **so it is with Christ** (v.12)
For the body does not **consist** of one member but **of many** (v.14)
As it is, there are many parts, **yet one body** (v.20)

Q7

Q8

Q9

4. Paul reminded how they belong to the body of Christ & how that should shape their aspiration & use of spiritual gifts (v.27-31)

Now **you are the body of Christ** & individually members of it (v.27)
But earnestly desire the **higher gifts**. And I will show you a still **more excellent way**. (v.31)

Q10

(Apply)

Q11-12