

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

1 CORINTHIANS – PART FOUR

Worship Issues #1

Chapters 10-11

Lesson 42

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Keep in Mind!

- Paul Started Church (18 Months)
- Letters / People Back and Forth
- Paul Knows What's Going On
- Writing Before Visiting
- Dividers Who Question Paul
- Super-Spiritual Beyond Paul

Effect of Jealousy and Pride

- Effects Personally
- Carries Over into Church

Stop Going to Pagan Feasts

Chapter 10

Consider Israel as Example

- Miraculous Provision
 - Physical
 - Spiritual
- Christ was the Provision
- Response was Pagan Revelry
- From there to Sexual Immorality & Grumbling

Implications of Example

“So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall.” (10:12)

- Pride for Blessings / Position

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so you to stand up under it.” (10:13)

- Application

Contrast Pagan to Communion

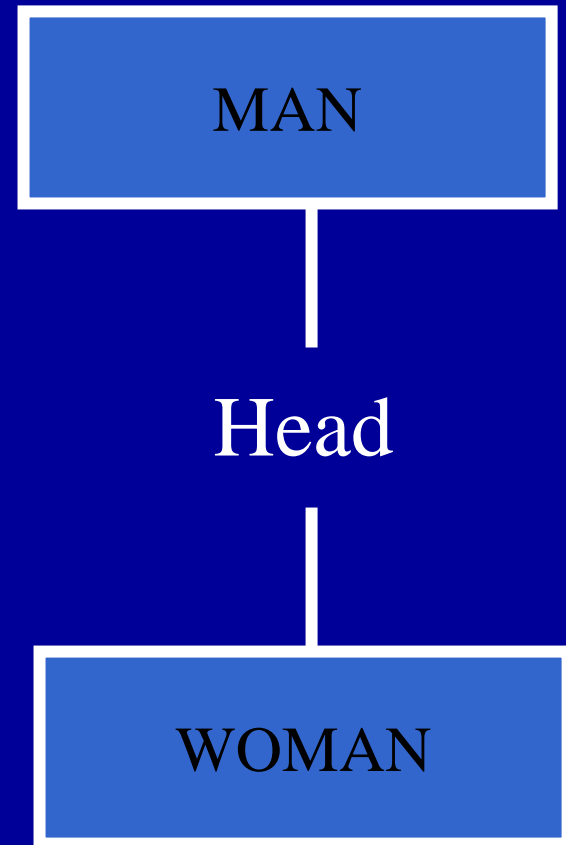
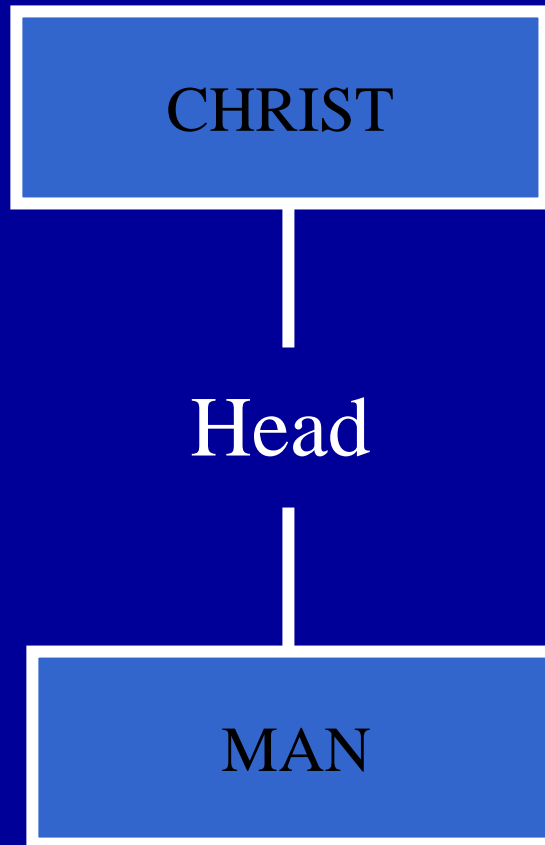
- Lord's Supper Here and Later
- “Cup of Blessing/Thanksgiving”
 - Participating in Blood of Christ
- “Bread”
 - Participating in Body of Christ
- United in Christ as Grains in Loaf
- Application to Corinthians
- Ministry Importance / Compartmentalization!

Interlude

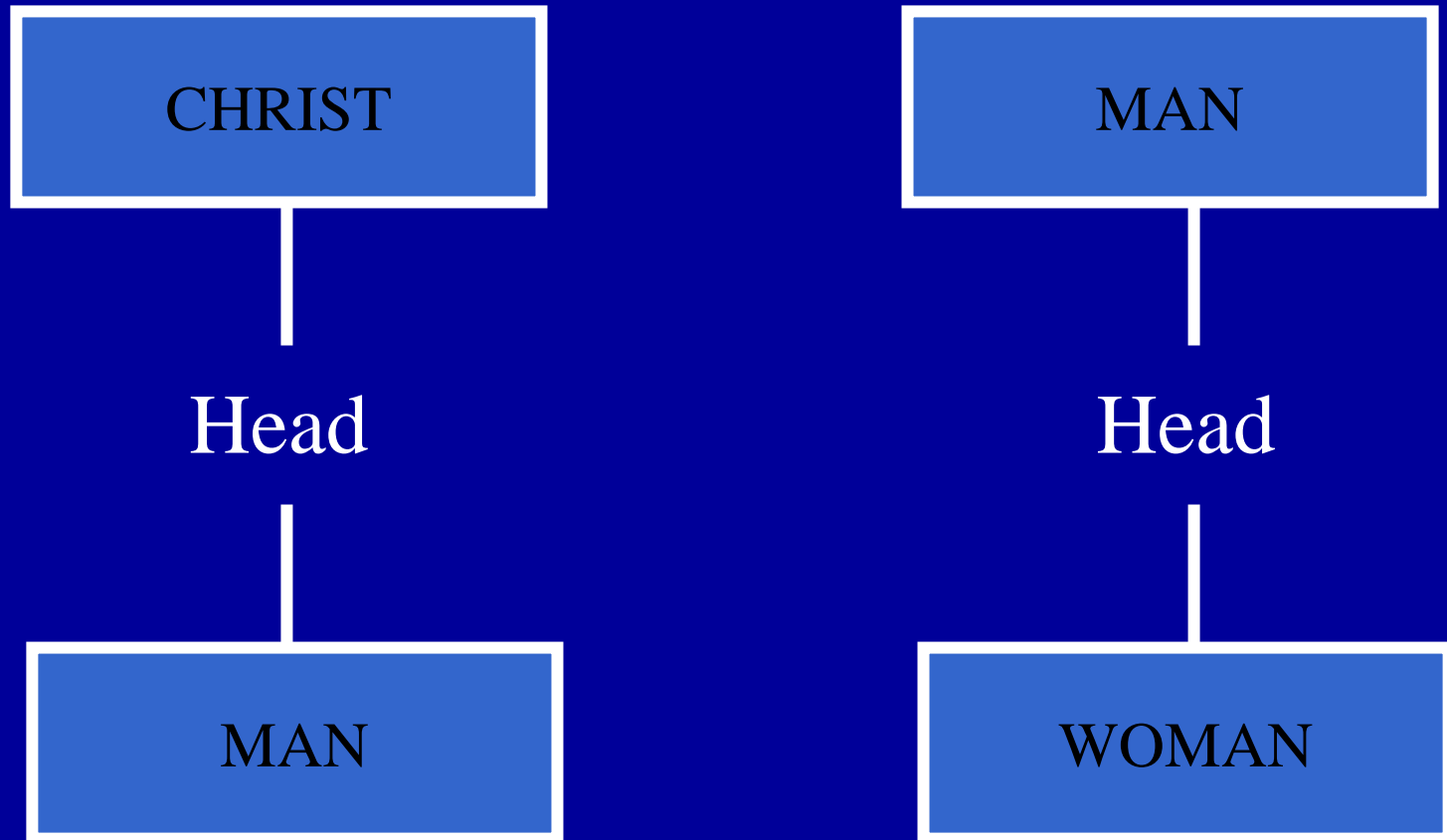
Men and Women in Worship

(11:2-16)

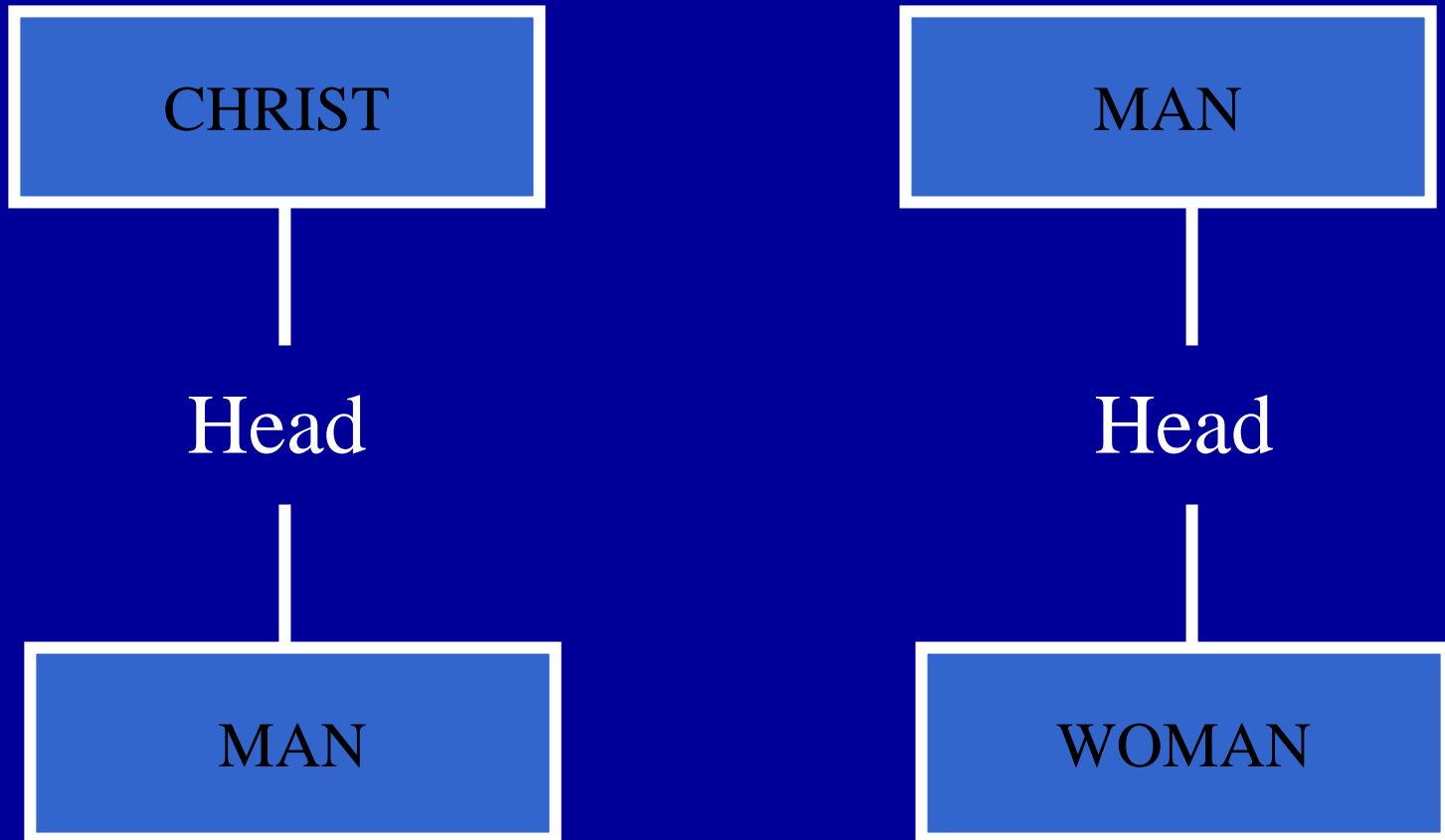
“Head” (*kephale*) = “Source”



Women Pray and Prophecy With Head Covered - Shows Creation for Man



Men Pray and Prophecy With Head Uncovered - Shows Creation in God's Image



So ...

- Issue is Culture and Impression, Not Physical Wear

Or...

GOD

CHRIST

Head

MAN

WOMAN

Either Way

Approach God Respectfully Through Christ

Back to Lord's Supper (11:17-34)

Problems With Divisions

- Not Party as much as Money/Status
- Background Data
 - Festivals With Meals (*Agape* Feasts)
 - Archeology (Dining Room = *triclinia*)

Triclinia = *tri* + *clinia*

(3 + couches [recliners!])

Triclinia - Dining Room

- Seat 10 or so Max.
 - Length = 2x Width
 - Height = Length + Width / 2
- Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, *de Architectura*



Triclinia - Dining Room



What Was Happening

- Status Invaded the Supper
- But the Whole Point Was...
- So Discern the Body
- Christ Crucified
 - Personal And Corporate

Points For Home

1. God Gives Strength to Do Right
2. Honor God In All
3. Church is Not About Us
4. Church is About God First
5. Church is About Others Second