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WHAT'S WRONG WITH US?



LEGIT WORSHIP

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WORSHIP

Praise Him Forever,
Amazing God, O How Great,
Man of Sorrows, Heart of
Worship

WELCOME

How do you worship God
when you're alone and when
you're in a gathering? Why is
that your practice?

WORD

1 Corinthians 11:1-3

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. ² Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you. ³ But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

A life that really glorifies God is worshipful, not just on Sundays. In the Bible, it means to be bowed down. More than a physical position, it's a lifestyle that reflects a heart that is constantly bowed before God that honors His sovereignty, authority, and awesomeness in this universe and in our own individual lives.

Our heart is deceitful so we need God to reveal anything that may be hindering our worship. Many years ago, God was not pleased with the worship of His people (**Isaiah 1:12,13**). God invented the system of offerings but He was telling His people to stop doing it because it was worthless, deceitful, empty, and false. It was not legit. Outwardly, things may look okay but in our hearts something is wrong if we are worshipping God yet holding on to sin in our life.

In **1 Corinthians 11:1**, Paul begins by saying that he is doing his best to follow the example of Jesus and he's offering himself as an imperfect human example to them. Ultimately, we point people to Jesus and not to ourselves.

There are 2 things that make worship legit:

I. HONOR GOD'S AUTHORITY STRUCTURE (1 Corinthians 11:2-12)

Many times, the connotation of the word "tradition" is negative but tradition is an instruction personally handed down. Paul personally handed down those things to them. Traditions create order—the WHAT of how things are done. More importantly, traditions carry meaning—the WHY and this is where we need to discover the "why" behind what Paul was saying.

The two things that he referred to in terms of tradition had to do with: 1) the wearing of head covering by Christian women during worship and 2) the observance/commemoration or celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Paul begins with a "why" (**v.3**). He wants them to understand the why behind the issue of headship. The word "head" means authority or cornerstone. It is about the authority structure that God has instituted.

The church environment then was like a house fellowship (**vv.4-6**). Typically, both men and women would pray and share the Word of God openly. If a man has a head covering, he disgraces his head (**v.4**). Man, the husband, has received delegated authority from God as the head of his family or home. The leader of the home is expected to be the servant of that home. Also, man should not have a covering on his head to differ from men who cover their head when they worship their idols. On the other hand, a woman's head covering is a symbol of her submission to her husband's authority (**v.5**). Many women during this time who had their hair cut off or refused to wear veils were women who were temple prostitutes (**v. 6**). Paul is saying to women to either wear their hair long or put on a veil because it's the proper thing to do in that context.

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Christ is our model; God the Father is God (**Isaiah 45:5**), Jesus the Son is God (**John 10:30, John 8:58, Colossians 1:15-16**). We see in Jesus a voluntary submission to the authority of His Father (**John 6:38, Luke 22:42**) and that is how we should submit ourselves and honor the authority structure that God created.

Marriage is a beautiful picture of our relationship with Jesus. We are the bride, He is the bridegroom (**Ephesians 5:22-24**). The wife's submission to the husband exemplifies the submission of the Church, to our head, Jesus. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church (**Ephesians 5:25,28**). To love is to wish well, take pleasure in, long for, esteem (honor, cherish), and prefer. The woman is the glory—a deep expression of delight, of man (**v.7**). God created man first, and created woman out of man. Adam was overjoyed seeing his wife Eve (**Genesis 2:23**).

The angels can see externally how we are worshipping God whether the man or the woman has a head covering or not; but God sees what the angels cannot see—our hearts (**vv.8-10**). God sees if our worship is legit. There is also an interdependence or complementarianism between the man and the woman (**vv.11-12**).

To honor God in worship, we must honor His authority structure.

II. HONOR CHRIST'S AMAZING SACRIFICE (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

Paul had good things to say about the believers when it comes to the tradition of head covering; not so about their Lord's Supper. As early as the first chapter of **1 Corinthians**, Paul had been talking about the problem of division in the Corinthian Church but the division that he's referring to in **vv.17-18** is different. Back then, Christians would bring food in preparation for celebrating the Lord's Supper (**vv.20-22**). Those who had much, ate much and got drunk; those who had less went hungry, creating a division! This love feast was meant to unite people where they can share and celebrate together. Paul was not pleased with them. Even if they go through the motions of the Lord's Supper, it's not legit.

Paul then launches into **vv.23-24**, do the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus. In the old covenant, the sacrificial system could not permanently take away sin. It was a foreshadowing of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, who died on the cross and rose again to pay for sins once and for all to bring us to God—the new covenant (**vv.25-26**). Paul was against the mockery of the Lord's Supper (**vv.27-29**). There was no reverence in the way they celebrated the Lord's Supper. He makes a serious point about reverence when we remember how Jesus died (**vv.30-32**). Many of them were weak and sick and have even died because they had no reverence and did not honor Christ's amazing sacrifice. He was putting order into things, but more importantly, the why (**vv.33-34**).

To honor God in worship, we must honor His Son's amazing sacrifice (**Matthew 27:26-28, 29-31, 35, 39, 44, 46**).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. Self-Check.

What struggles do you face when it comes to honoring or submitting to God's authority structure (husband-wife, parent-children, etc.)? What do you need to do to overcome these?

2. Setting It Right.

What amazes you most about Christ's sacrifice? How does it impact your daily life?

3. Living It Out.

Who among your family/friends need to understand what Jesus did for them? What will you do to help them?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for people who worship and honor traditions more than the Person and works of Jesus Christ. Live a life imitating Christ. Be gracious and compassionate. Point people to Jesus through your testimony and by sharing the gospel

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's help and comfort, salvation for Israel, wisdom for their leaders in government, military and their soldiers as they defend themselves against terrorists' attacks. Rescue of the Israelites taken as hostages.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; conflict in African, East Asian and Middle East countries to stop.

III. Church

- CCFers would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

MEMORY VERSE

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