

1 CORINTHIANS

Correcting the Church

“Gender Hierarchy in God’s Holy Church”

INTRO: *The Apostle Paul continues to answer questions from the Church at Corinth. Having discussed marriage (ch.7) and Christian liberty (ch.8-10), Paul now addresses the issue of gender and church leadership.*

- I. **Men and Women are created *spiritually* _____ with shared intrinsic _____.** *Neither Man nor Woman holds a **spiritual** advantage over the other (Cf. Gen. 1:27; Gal. 3:28).*

- II. _____ **challenge Biblical truth over male and female _____.** *The conflict in Corinth (a possible abuse of Christian liberty) was not new; it resulted from sin as foretold in Genesis 3:16.*

- III. _____ **women should *reflect* in corporate _____ what God established for all _____ (11:2-16).** *There are 4 reasons why.*
 - A. God’s pattern of _____ (11:2-6). *Women may publicly pray and “prophecy” if culturally accepted symbols of submission to husbands are present.*
 - B. God’s purpose in _____ (11:7-9). *The order and manner of creation theologically matter.*
 - C. Our witness to _____ (11:10-12). *Angels are watching and longing to see grace displayed.*
 - D. The illustration from _____ (11:13-16). *Women naturally grow longer hair. Men don’t.*