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

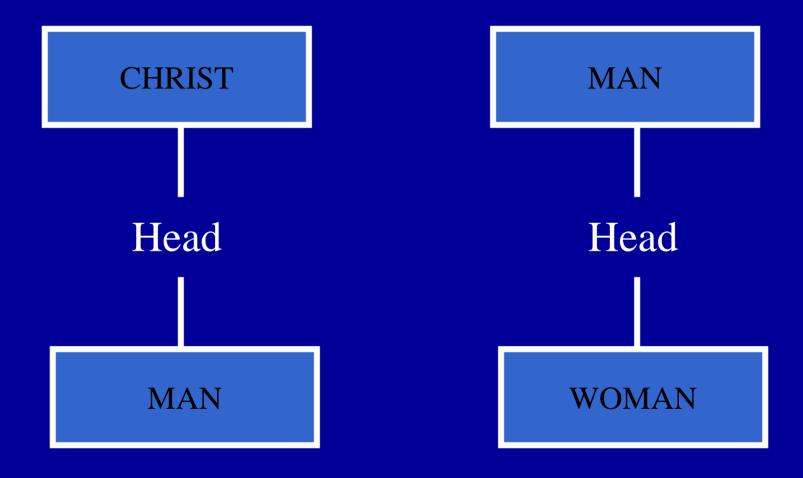
Contrast Pagan to Communion

- 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!

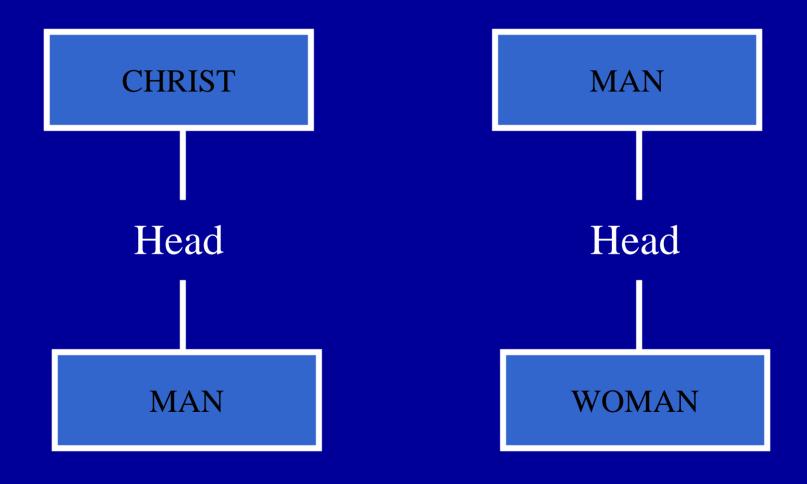
Interlude Men and Women in Worship

(11:2-16)

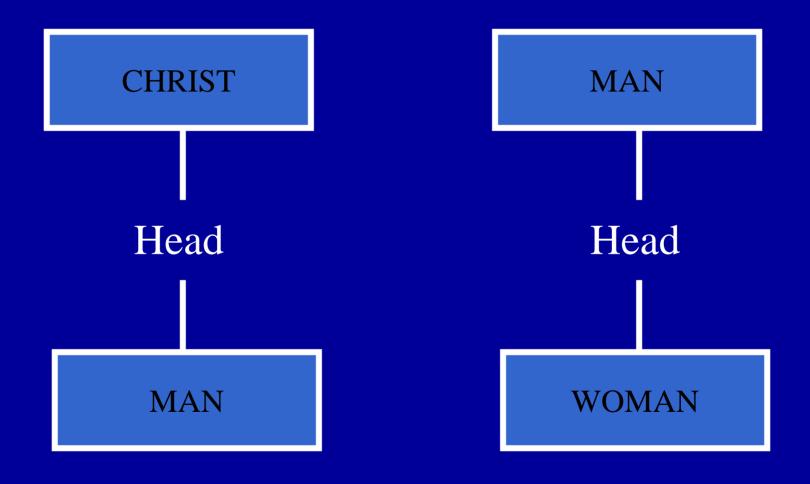
"Head" (kephale) = "Source"



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



Men Pray and Prophesy 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

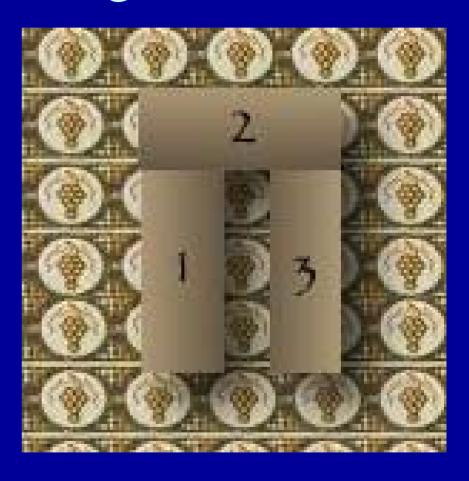
- Not Party as much as Money/Status
- Background Data
 - Festivals With Meals (*Agape* Feasts)
 - Archeology (Dining Room = triclinia)

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