

Building On The Foundation

Building On The Foundation: Message

NT teaching about the roles of
men and women is built upon
God's original design

Structure of 1 Corinthians

1

Paul's responses to reports about the Corinthians (1-6)

2

Paul's responses to questions in their letter (7-16)

1 Corinthians 1-6 - “What I’ve heard”

1

Divisions

2

**A rebellious
attitude
toward Paul**

3

**Extreme
immorality**

4

**Taking one
another to
court**

5

Moral laxity

Christian Life Issues

1

Marriage
and
singleness

2

Food
sacrificed
to idols

3

Head
coverings

Church Life Issues

4

Lord's
Table

5

Abuses of
spiritual
gifts

6

The
resurrection

1 Corinthians 7-16 -
“Your questions”

**Head
Coverings -
Not Cultural**

Paul based his argument on:

Divine order (3)



Creation (8-9)

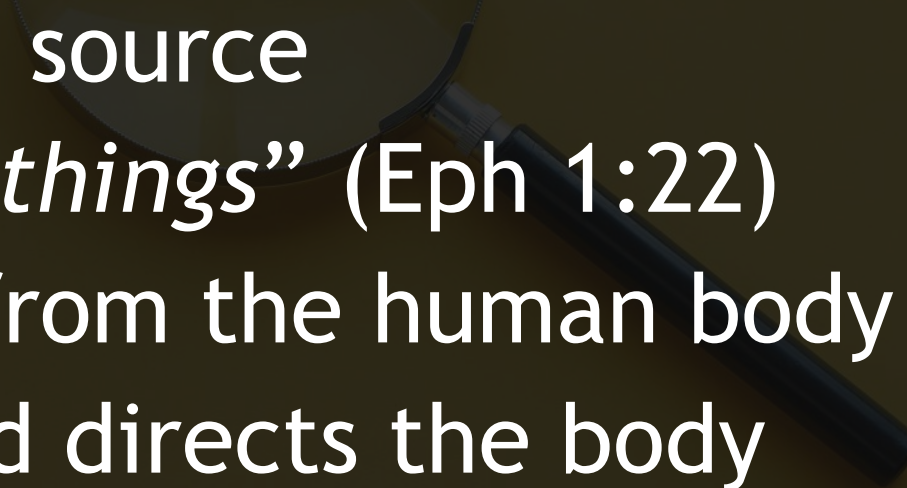


Angels (10)



Instinct (14-15)

“Head”

- Refers to authority, not source
 - Jesus is “*head over all things*” (Eph 1:22)
 - The metaphor derives from the human body
 - The head rules over and directs the body
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1 Corinthians 11:3

These examples establish the principle of order, headship and submission:

- Christ is head of every person
(Mt 28:18; Heb 2:8; Phil 2:10-11)
- God is the head of Christ

Eternal (functional) Subordination of the Son (ESS)?

1 Cor 11:3

- This is Jesus as the Christ, subordinate to God in His work of redemption and restoration
- This subordination of Christ apparently will end when His work is finally complete (1 Cor 15:28)

See MacArthur and Mayhue, *“Biblical Doctrine”*, pp. 207-208

1 Cor 11:3 - NOT a hierarchy like this...



1 Cor 11:3 Principle and Examples of Headship and Submission

Example 1

Christ is the
head of
every person

Principle

The man is
the head of
a woman

Example 2

God is the
head of
Christ

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Don't allow these issues to cause
contention or division in church

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A woman should demonstrate by her femininity that she accepts the order God established at Creation

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Women are not to have leading roles in the
worship service

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Wives asking husbands questions requires
men to be pursuing an accurate
understanding of God's Word

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Women are not to have a leading or exhorting
role in the assembly or wherever men are
present