

The Head of the Church

This study was brought to the Pastor of Daystar Community Church by the Lord. It is a study that explains the natural progression that is mandated by the Lord concerning the authority and position of members of the church and the kingdom of God. May God bless you!

Colossians 1:10-20 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Christ was the exact likeness and perfect representative. Adam was made "in the image of God".

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

The above verse states that God made man (mankind) in his own image. Thought: Since God made man (mankind) in his image and he created male and female, then it stands to reason that male and female are needed for the true image of God. If the male or the female are removed from the union, then the image of God is partially represented. The image of God is corrupted in the false image portrayed.

But Christ, the second Adam, perfectly reflected visibly "the invisible God",

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

whose glories the first Adam only in part represented.

"Image" (eicon) involves "likeness" (homoiosis); but "likeness" does not involve "image." "Image" always supposes a prototype, which it not merely resembles, for example the reflection of the sun in the water: the child the living image of the parent. "Likeness" implies mere resemblance, not the exact counterpart and derivation as "image" expresses.

Now since Adam was made in the likeness of God, when he fell a different image was manifested. Adam was made in the image of God; but, when he was fallen and corrupt, he begat a son in his own image, sinful and defiled, frail, mortal, and miserable, like himself; not only a man like himself, consisting of body and soul, but a sinner like himself, guilty and obnoxious, degenerate and corrupt. This was Adam's own likeness, the reverse of that divine likeness in which Adam was made; but, having lost it himself, he could not convey it to his seed. Grace does not run in the blood, but corruption does. A sinner begets a sinner, but a saint does not beget a saint.

Now, since we know that man (mankind) - all inclusive of man, woman, and child - is of a corrupt image from birth, we shall see the importance of this message. It is a message for all that struggle with the walk. Fear is the number one element that threatens to consume us all. It can stop a saint dead in his/her tracks, make a Pastor give up his church, and make sinners turn away from the doorsteps of the church. Some of the following will be 'old news', but please read this all the way through and I know you will be blessed.

A gracious promise was made - Christ - as the deliverer of fallen man from the power of Satan. Even though God addresses the serpent, it must have been in the hearing of Adam and Eve. They must have still seen a ray of hope for them, since God did not end their existence. Christ was the seed of the woman and by her that promised seed has to descend from her. He was born of a virgin because He could not be tainted with the corruption of our nature. He was sent forth made of a woman so that His promise could be fulfilled.

The following verses are often used to explain a stance on women not cutting their hair, let us look at another angle to the verses.

1 Corinthians 11:3-12 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Man has Christ as his authority over him. All of his cares, wants, and needs are to be directed towards Christ and no one else. No one else has the authority to make appropriations towards these needs. Since Christ made His wants, needs, and desires known to God, then He has shown the pattern and teaching that man has to follow. Man by his trust in accepting the words of Christ and the outward display of that trust by repentance, baptism, and the reception of the Holy Ghost, places Christ at the head of all things.

Keeping in mind, the previous statement - Since God made man (mankind) in his image and he created male and female, then it stands to reason that male and female are needed for the true image of God, then it stands to reason that the woman places the man at the head of herself. Woman by her trust in accepting the words of Christ and the outward display of that trust by repentance, baptism, and the reception of the Holy Ghost, places the man at the head of all things as it relates to their union.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

Covered in Vines is defined as: (katakalupto) to cover up and (perikalupto) also to blindfold. Therefore if the man prays or prophesies with a blindfold - without the direction of the Spirit, then he has effectively placed a veil upon himself and cannot know the will of God. He therefore dishonors Christ, since Christ is the head of the man. Trust is broken and the union of the man and Christ is apart.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

Uncovered in Vines is defined as: (akatakaluptos) unveiled. Therefore if a woman prays or prophesies without the protection of the union of the man, then she has no defense because of the position she has placed herself in. She will place herself in a position of vulnerability. She places her trust and prayers in Christ, but if she steps outside of the union that God has placed her in, then the trust is broken and the union is apart.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

Here we see that it makes no difference if the woman really be shaved (completely apart from the union) or shorn (partially) apart from the union, she must be covered by the union. Note: a married obviously is part of a union with a man and an unmarried still has a 'partner' in Christ and is still part of a union.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

A man cannot place the veil or blindfold upon himself, because he removes the glory of God from himself and the woman is placed in a position that she cannot enjoy the glory of God. She may have to step outside her 'place' and seek the glory of God through an alternate means. This can and does lead to disaster.

8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

The man was made in the image of woman, but of God. The woman was made from man, his rib. Because she was made from a part of Adam, she is still in the image of

God. But she is part of an image that is a whole union and cannot be apart from that union.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

Woman was made for the man to be part of that union.

10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

A woman has the right to act in this union because of the powers that exist in heaven to assist in this union. She has the right to place her input and suggestions for the betterment of the union. She is not a 'silent partner'.

11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

The union cannot exist without the participation of the man and the woman. Or in the case of an married man or woman, the participation of Christ and the man/woman.

12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

All things are of God and so shall be the man and the woman.

Now after stating all of that, we shall state the obvious.

John 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

It is obvious that Christ was given all things - trust, mercy, love, etc. into His hands. Therefore Christ must have all things, which is to include all provisions for us in His hands. Therefore if He has all things in His hands, then we are in want of nothing.

Psalms 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

And if we are in want of nothing, and Christ if the head, and man is the head of the household, it stands to reason if the man places all his trust in the union with Christ, then all members of the man's union are covered by that. In other words, a man by his admission and faith in Christ has no reason to place his fears upon the members of his immediate family. If the man places his fears upon Christ, then there is no reason for the woman to fear. This is because of the union that is ordained in the Word. We know that God's Word will not come back void.

No child should have to fear, because the man has placed his fears in Christ.

As long as the woman is safe within the safety of the union, then she is covered by that union. What a glorious position for a woman! She has no fear, for the responsibility lies at the head. Women should not have to fear, it is not a place God intended them to be. Man will have to take responsibility for their actions.

Children can be nurtured and brought up with love, because of the fear that has been placed at Christ's feet.

Single women have Christ as their 'mate' to place all things at Christ's feet.

Let us strive to model the church after Christ and place the fears where they really belong.

God bless and I pray that this will bless you.