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1 Corinthians 11:1-3

Paul discusses a hierarchy for men and women that people often use to subjugate women and keep women from certain positions in the secular world and in the church. It has been only 100 years since women could vote in the USA. It has been less than 50 years since women could get credit in their own names.

What is wrong with applying the norms of the society when Paul lived with today's world?

1 Corinthians 11:4-16

Paul talks about men not covering their hair and needing to keep hair short. Women, however, were not to cut their hair but were to cover their head. This is not a commandment but is a tradition. Priests sometimes did cover their heads as a sign of humility before God. Mourners also covered their

heads. Orthodox or conservative Jewish synagogues do require men to wear small head coverings inside the temple. Women appeared outside of the home with hair covered. To uncover a woman's head was to humiliate her or to charge her with adultery.

Why so much emphasis on hair?

1 Corinthians 11:17-19

Paul again addresses divisions in the church.

How could a disagreement lead to someone having God's approval?

1 Corinthians 11:20-22

Instead of a celebration of the Lord's Supper, people in Corinth were treating communion as an ordinary meal. Some were overeating and drinking too much as they would in an ordinary meal.

How would this negative activity during communion hurt church members?

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Participating in Holy Communion should strengthen us. We should not take Communion lightly.

Why is Holy Communion special?
