





# A PRACTICE WITH POWER

1 Corinthians 11

### The Problem:

Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the traditions just as I delivered them to you. But I want you to know...

The Corinthian church – at least some of them – were doing something right, but they didn't understand it.

# The Principle:

Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

### The Practice:

Every man who prays or prophesies with something on his head dishonors his head. Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since that is one and the same as having her head shaved.

For if a woman doesn't cover her head, she should have her hair cut off. But if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her head be covered.

#### The Pictures:

- A picture of God and the Son –
  and his sons (7)
- A picture of Jesus and the Church(7)
- A picture of husband and wife (7-12)
- A picture toward the angels (10)

#### Three more reasons:

- One's own judgment
- Nature's judgment
- The judgment of the churches

# The Gospel is embedded in this practice. We have a Husband!

# Additional questions

## Wasn't it just cultural?

- No the practice points to eternal truths
- No it is a tradition, but not "just" tradition. Jesus, through Paul infuses this practice with meaning.
- Beware of rejecting the accumulated wisdom of centuries

### Why wear it all the time?

- Convenience!
- The truths to which covering points are ongoing
- Modesty
- Culture and tradition

# What kind of covering?

- Freedom for variety
- Covered in a fashion similar to the natural covering – the hair
- Natural to the cultural context

### Who should wear it?

Anyone that is part of the body of Christ, that is under the headship of Christ, should eagerly embrace to reflect this powerful picture of covering (or not covering).