

Head Coverings
1 Corinthians 11:2-16
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S.C.A.N. - The Bible is ...

_____ for life and godliness.
_____ in all its big ideas.
_____ in all that it claims.
_____ in order to know God's will.

1. Gender distinctions are based on _____ principles. (11:2-3)
2. Head coverings were a _____ expression of timeless principles. (11:4-6)
3. Men and women are distinct but _____. (11:7-12)
4. _____ teaches gender distinctions. (11:13-16)
5. How should we apply this?
 - a. Our homes and churches should show that God's design for men and women is _____ and _____.
 - b. We should embrace appropriate _____ expressions of gender distinction.

Questions for Discussion/Reflection on 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

1. Do you think there is confusion and controversy in our culture right now over gender distinctions? How do you observe that? What message does the "world" push regarding gender?
2. How do we know if a particular issue in the Bible is cultural, situational, or timeless? For example, why might we argue that OT dietary restrictions are not applicable today but Biblical teachings on sexual ethics are applicable? (See Col. 2:16-17)
3. What happens when Christians deny one or more of the points in the S.C.A.N. acronym from the intro? (The Bible is sufficient, clear, authoritative, and necessary.)
4. In what way is a husband's headship like and unlike Christ's headship over man? (v. 3)
5. What does the relationship between God the Father and God the Son in the Trinity tell us about human relationships of authority and submission? (v. 3)
6. If head coverings were a cultural expression of a timeless principle, can you think of any parallel cultural expressions today? (vv. 4-6)
7. Based on the principles of liberty and conscience that we studied in 1 Corinthians 8-10, what would be some right and wrong ways to approach a situation today in which a woman believes she should still wear a head covering in church today? (Consider 1 Cor. 8:1; 9:19; 10:31, 33)
8. In what ways are men and women interdependent? (11:7-12)
9. In what way does nature teach gender distinctions? (11:13-16) How do other cultures display gender distinctions? Can that ever be done in a harmful way that Christians should not support? (i.e. full burkas in some middle eastern countries)