**REVERENCE IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP**

1 Corinthians 11:2-34

Key Verse 11:26

*“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

1. Read verses 2-3. For what did Paul commend the Corinthian Christians (2)? What is the general principle governing the relationships between God, man and woman?
2. Read verses 4-10. In what cases would a man or a woman be dishonored (4-6)? Why should a man not cover his head, and why should a woman do so (7-10)? How did keeping this spiritual and creation order express reverence for God during worship? (cf. Isa 6:2-3; Heb 12:28-29) How can such reverence be expressed in worship today?
3. Read verses 11-16. What is the relationship between man and woman “in the Lord” (11-12)? In what sense are they equal before God? How does this help us understand the order Paul describes? But why is it important to follow the very nature of things distinguishing between a man and woman in worship (13-16)?
4. Read verses 17-22. How and why did Paul begin to chastise the Corinthians? On which issue did he focus (20)? How had they been expressing their irreverence for the church of God? In what way had selfishness taken over?
5. Read verses 23-26. Who instituted the Lord’s Supper? What did Jesus say when he broke the bread and shared the cup? (cf. Lk 22:19-20; Mt 26:26-28) What does eating the bread and drinking the cup mean to us? (26; 10:16-17; Jn 6:53-56)
6. Read verses 27-34. What did Paul mean by an “unworthy manner” and why is it so serious to partake in the Lord’s Supper in this way (27, 29-30)? What is the only proper attitude toward the Lord’s Supper considering Jesus’ forgiving and self-giving love for the body of Christ? (28, 31-34; 5:7-8; Mt 5:23-24) What have you learned in this lesson about reverence in worship and fellowship?