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Biblically Based Authority

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

A debate rages in the world today over gender and gender roles. Patriarchy and misogyny are routinely used to discredit any distinction between male and female. God's word speaks specifically, clearly, and forcefully to this debate. God created a distinction between and ordained distinct functions for male and female. Distinction of function is observed through God's principle of authority.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 1:26-27

Matthew 26:36-46

John 1:1, 5:19

Galatians 1:6-7, 3:28

Philippians 2:5-8

Hebrews 12:1-2

Outline:

1. Authority is a God ordained principle.

2. Authority rightly practiced reflects God's glory.

3. Authority does not negate dependency.

4. Authority manifests itself through culturally appropriate norms.

Study Questions:

1. Why are the Corinthians commended by Paul? How are you and Red Bank maintaining the "traditions?"

2. Why is authority despised in society today? How have both men and women contributed to this?

3. What does "the head of Christ is God" mean? How does this support the argument made in these verses?

4. What is the difference between function and essence? How does Galatians 3:28 teach equality of essence?

5. How does Ephesians 5:22-33 support 1 Corinthians 11? What does Ephesians 5 teach husbands and wives? Why are more instructions given to the husband?

6. What does male headship properly exercised in the home and church look like?

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?