**16th March, 2025** **Island Glades Gospel Centre**

**Biblical Headship – Pt. 1 As taught in Scripture.**

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**Biblical Headship – Pt. 2 I Cor. 11:1-16**

**Biblical Lordship – Pt. 3? I Cor. 11:17-34**

**I Cor. 11:3**

**The Controversial (?) Chapters of I Cor. 11:2-14:40 –**

1. Are they **C**ustoms (Ordinances/Traditions)? 11:2 cf. II Thes. 2:15
2. Are they **C**ultural – Greek/Roman/Jewish? (cf. 14:37)
3. Are they **C**onfined to the Church in Corinth? (cf. 14:33)
4. What is its **C**ontextual **C**hallenge? Are they Outdated?

**Let us WAKE up to…**

**WOKE** derived from American Vernacular English (AAVE) meaning “Aware” of social injustices, especially racism:

**W**e

**O**ppose

**K**nowledge

**E**xtinction

Among the above, Supporting Gender and LGBTQ+ Rights, including marriage equality and protections against discrimination.

*And that, knowing ﻿the time, ﻿that now it is high time ﻿to* ***awake*** *out of sleep:*

*for now is our salvation nearer than when ﻿we believed.* **Rom. 13:11**

**Romans 1:21-25**

*21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but ﻿became ﻿vain in their imaginations, and their ﻿foolish heart ﻿was darkened.*

*22 ﻿Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

*23 And ﻿changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into ﻿an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and ﻿fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

*24 Wherefore ﻿God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, ﻿to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

*25 Who changed ﻿the truth of God into ﻿a lie, and worshipped and served the creature ﻿more than the Creator, who is ﻿blessed for ever. Amen.*

**A Recapitulation in Context: I Cor. 11:3**  
**HEADSHIP- its Instruction and Implications:**  
**I. The Rights in Divine Headship.**

**A. The "Rights" ("Equality") of Divine Persons.**

**1.** The Father, the Son and the Spirit is God**.** Heb. 1:8; Acts 5:3, 4

**2.** The Father and the Son are One –

- *Jesus said…Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, ﻿****I AM*** Jn. 8:58

*And God said unto Moses,* ***I AM THAT I AM:*** *and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, ﻿****I AM*** *hath sent me unto you.* Ex 3:14.

- *I and My Father are one.* Jn. 10:30 [cf. 10:28, 29]

**3.** The Son claims equality with God, the Father.Jn. 5:18, 23, 26; *because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God*. 10:33

**B. The Roles of Divine Persons. I Cor. 11:3**

1. ***The Father* is the First Person of the Godhead; *the Son*, the Second Person,**

**and *the Spirit*, the Third.**

a. The Father sent the Son and the Spirit – Jn. 14:24; 17:25, 26

b. The Son sent the Spirit. Jn. 15:26

***Note:*** *The servant is not greater than his lord;*

*neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.* Jn. 13:16

c. The Spirit will not speak of Himself but will glorify the Son. Jn. 16:13-15

a. The Son learns Obedience. Heb. 5:8

b. And is obedient unto death. Phil. 2:8

c. He seeks not His will, but the Father’s will. Lk. 22:4

**II. THE Roles and responsibilities of DIVINE Headship.**

**A. The Headship of God or God is the Head of Christ - *the head of Christ is God*. ICor. 11:3c**

***Headship in Creation Order***

**B. The Headship of Man or Man is the Head of the Woman**

**1. The Rights of Man and Woman in Creation. Gen. 1**

a. Or the Headship of “Man” before the Fall as expounded in **Gen. 1:26-28**

The Headship of “Man” (i.e. the Equality of Man and Woman ) Stated.

*God said, Let Us make* ***man*** *[Adam] in Our image, after Our likeness: and let* ***them*** *have dominion over …every …thing ….upon the earth.*

i. His creation involved the Triune God personally - "*Let* ***U****s make man.”* 1:26 ct. 24

ii. He was created to bear the Triune God's image - "*in Our image, after Our likeness*” 1:26

“*So God created man in His own* mage” 1:27

"*in the image of God created He him*” 1:27

iii. “Man” was male and female. *"male and female created He them.”* 1:27

iv. Both were appointed head over God's creation. "*let them* *have dominion over..*.”

“…*subdue it: and have dominion over…”* 1:26, 28

**2. The Role of Man's Headship in Creation Order. Heb. 2:5-8**

1. The **H**eadship of Man (over Woman) **H**inted – The Woman in Man. Gen. 5:2

cf. I Cor.12:12

"*Male and female created He them...and called their name Adam (Man)*" Ct. 1:27

1. The **I**mage in Man (and Woman) **I**ndividually (not collectively.) Gen. 5:3

"*And Adam... begot a son in his own likeness, after his image..*."

i. The Woman was created from Adam's rib to play a "Different" Role. Gen. 2:21

* + God could have created Eve at the same time as Adam, i.e. man and woman together.
  + God could have created Eve in the same way as Adam, i.e. from the dust of the earth.
  + God could have created Eve the same as Adam, i.e. with the same physical features.

ii. The Woman was the Man's Help fit for him to play a Complement Role. Gen. 2:18

* She alone was Suitable to meet Adam's loneliness. Gen. 2:18
* She alone was Suitable to meet Adam's "nature". Gen. 2:20 ct. 20b
* She alone was Suitable to be "one flesh" with Adam. Gen. 2:23, 24

iii. The Woman was the Man's Help to play a Subordinate (Assistant) Role. Gen. 2:18, NIV "*helper*"

* The Woman was created to help the man, not the reverse.
* The Man is the Woman's equal, but her **H**ead.
* The Woman is the Man's equal, but his **H**elper.

iv. The Woman was named by Man in acknowledgment of her Inherent Role.

Gen. 2:23 ct. 2:19, 20

* He "**D**efined" her for himself. (Not God). Gen. 2:23,

- "*she shall be called Woman*" cf. 2:19, 20

* He **D**istinguished her from him. Gen. 2:23b - "*Man*", *Woman*"
* He "**D**iscovered" (Identified) her in him. Gen. 2:23 - "*bone of my bones, flesh of my*

*flesh*"

* He **D**eparted from his parents for her. Gen. 2:24 -"*he shall leave...he shall cleave..*." **Note** the paradox in the Creation account:

***Chapter 1*** *teaches the Equality of the sexes as God's image -bearers and vice-rulers on the earth;*

***Chapter 2*** *makes the male the Head, and the female the Helper.*

Thus, a partnership of "equals" with man playing the role of the primary head to lead the partnership in a God-glorifying direction.

**Male Headship and Leadership is wedded to Female Help**

**to establish a God-Glorifying Partnership.**

c. The **H**eadship of Man during and after the Fall. Gen. ch. 3

i. Eve usurped **A**dam's **A**uthority and led the way into Sin.

* Eve **A**cted as Head and was deceived. Gen. 3:6b

*-she took the fruit...did eat...and gave also...*

Cf. I Tim. 2:14 - *the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*

* Adam **A**bandoned his responsibility as Head. Gen. 3:6b

- *her husband with her; and he did eat*.

Note: not "...*her husband, who was with her,* ***also*** *took and did eat*."

but “…*she* ***also*** *gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.”* NRSV

ii. Adam had to **A**nswer for both their Sin, as God's **A**ppointed Head.

* Both sinned, but Adam was **S**earched out

- *God called unto Adam ...Where art thou?* Gen. 3:9; I Tim. 2:14

* Both sinned, but Adam was **S**ingled out - *By one man sin entered into the world...* Rom. 5:12-21

iii. God's **A**dministration of Judgment on Eve and **A**dam. Gen. 3:16-19

* **To ADAM,**

(1) he will **S**uffer in working the ground, **S**weat and eat bread. Gen. 3:17-19

*Because thou has hearkened unto...thy wife*  Gen. 3:17a

(2) Eve was not addressed in this way - no formal indictment. cf. 3:16.

(3) He would die; but Eve was not told that, though she too would die. 3:19 cf. 2:15-17

* **To EVE**, (1) as mother, she will **S**uffer pain in childbirth. Gen. 3:16

(2) as wife, she will **S**ubmit to her husband.

T*hy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.* Gen. 3:16

(a) She will **H**elp her **H**usband – *thy desire shall be to thy husband,*

(b) He will be **H**er **H**ead – *and he shall rule over thee.*

**Thus, Redemption does not Redefine creation; it Restores creation, so that wives learn the role of godly submission and husbands learn the role of godly headship in an equal partnership of persons.**

**Conclusion:**

Adam accepted the punishment and "called his wife's name 'Eve', because she was the mother of all living" instead of blaming her for the punishment any more. (3:20)

Out of death and despair, there appeared faith and hope in living, as they faced life together with a better understanding of their roles of headship and subordination as decreed by God in creation and in the fall in a delightful fellowship of equality in personal worth as they set up home together, leading to **the Role of Man’s Headship in Church and Home Order** **(Study 2).**

**Postscript: The Rights of Man and Woman in Redemption Order – all are equal.   
 Gal. 3:26-28**

**All** are **S**ons and Daughters of God. Gal. 3:26 cf. Jn. 1:12

All are of the **S**ame **S**tatus - no male or female. Gal. 3:28

All are of the **S**eed of Abraham. Gal. 3:29

All have faith **in** Christ. Gal. 3:26

All have been baptized **into** Christ. Gal. 3:27

All have put **on** Christ. Gal. 3:27

**All** are one **in** Christ. Gal. 3:28

**All are Christ's**. Gal. 3:29