REVERENCE IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

1 Corinthians 11:2–34

Key Verse: 11:26

1. Read verses 1-6. What is the general principle governing the relationships between God, man and woman?  In what cases would a man or a woman be dishonored? (4–6) Read v. 7-12.  Why should a man not cover his head, and why should a woman do so? (7–10) During worship, how did keeping this order express reverence for God? (cf. Isa6:2–3)

2. How can we be reverent in worship today? (See Heb12:28; think about this in terms of one’s attitude toward God and influence on others.) What is the relationship between man and woman “in the Lord”? (11–12, Gal 3:28) Read v. 13-16.  How does this help us understand the order Paul mentions? On what basis did Paul appeal to them? (13–16)

3. Read v. 17-22. How and why did Paul chastise them? Read verses 23–25. What did Jesus say when he broke the bread and shared the cup? (Lk 22:19–20; Mt 26:26–28) What is meant by the new covenant? (Ex 24:8; Jer 31:31-34) What does eating the bread and drinking the cup mean to us? (Jn 6:53–56)

4. Read v. 26. Besides encouraging our personal faith, what evangelistic purpose does celebrating the Lord’s Supper serve? Read v 27-32. Why is it so serious to take the Lord’s Supper in an unworthy manner? (27,29–30) What did Paul mean by “unworthy manner”? (28–32; cf. 21–22) What is the proper attitude toward the Lord’s Supper? (28,33–34)