

REVERENCE IN THE FELLOWSHIP

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

Central Idea: Regardless of cultural standards, we must honor and reverence the Lord.
Are you committed to honoring the Lord?

Introduction:

The leadership of the Corinthian church had written Paul a letter asking for instructions regarding certain problems which had arisen in the church (1 Corinthians 7:1a). The present chapter deals with two problems concerning public worship. The first problem deals with the customs of believers and of church worship, particularly with the partnership and order existing between men and women in the church and in society at large.

Proper conduct and reverence in the church fellowship occurs when the following instances are present:

I. When the Heart Has the Right Attitude, vv. 2-6.

Galatians 3:28-29

1. Remember the instructions on church order, v. 2.

2. Respect partnership and order in the universe, v. 3.

3. Do not embarrass or dishonor anyone, vv. 4-6.

II. When Creation Has the Right Order, vv. 7-12.

III. When Common Sense Is Applied, vv. 13-15.

IV. When We Conform to Biblical Customs and Behavior, v. 16.

Conclusion:

Behind all that Paul says in this section is the principle that the Christian should always act respectfully. "But everything is to be done decently and in order," 1 Corinthians 14:40. Righteous unity is critical for the church to experience God's presence in its midst.