

1. THE HEAD, THE BODY, AND A SHARED CALLING & GLORY

1 Cor 11:2-3 (NIV) I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you. But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God...

7-8 A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man...

1 Cor 11:2-3 (ESV) Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. **3** But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God...

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Note that Paul is not describing a hierarchical "chain of command" with God at the top, followed by Christ under him, then every man, then husbands, and then finally wives. If it were describing a top-to-bottom hierarchy, it'd be all out of order!

Instead, Paul is describing three (somewhat parallel) paired relationships:

- i. The head of every man is Christ,
- ii. the head of a wife is her husband, and
- iii. the head of Christ is God.

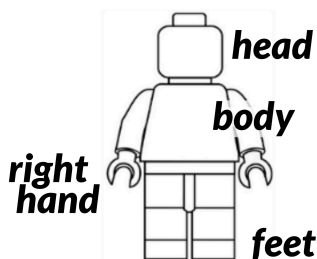
1. Headship: A Matter of Shared Glory (& Shame), not a Hierarchy of Authority

See Dr Lionel Windsor's talk on headship & submission at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxIO-cVbQkE>



2. Headship: A Matter of Shared Authority, not Autonomy

See Steve's sermon on Ephesians 5:21-33 at <https://sermons.faithlife.com/sermons/655125-ephesians-5:2133>



2. SEVERED from THE HEAD

<p>(Col 1:15 + 18) The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation...</p> <p>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead...</p>	<p>(Col 1:24 + 27) ...for the sake of his body, which is the church...</p> <p>...God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.</p>	<p>(Col 2:9-10 + 18-19) For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness...</p> <p>Don't let anyone... disqualify you... they have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.</p>
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a. "Autarchy" vs Interdependence

- Genesis 3
- 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
- 1 Corinthians 14:34-40
- 1 Timothy 2:11-14 (see also 5:11-15)

b. Significance for Christ & the Church ?

c. Does the symbolism *really* matter ?

APPENDIX: filling out 1 Corinthians 11:2-8

	unity with one's Head	shared Glory (or shame) with one's Head
Every Man & Christ	1 Cor 11:3	1 Cor 11:7-8
<i>Jesus as the head of a renewed humanity (the Church)</i> <i>1 Cor 15:22 +45</i> <i>Rom 5:12 +17</i>	Eph 4:15 Eph 5:23 + 28-30 Col 1:18 + 2:19	Heb 2:7-10 John 17:22 Rom 8:17 + 21 2 Cor 3:18 2 These 2:14
Wife & Husband	1 Cor 11:3	1 Cor 11:7-8
	Eph 5:23 + 28-30 Genesis 2:18, 21-24	Psalm 8:4-5 Heb 2:7-10
Christ & God	1 Cor 11:3	-
	John 10:30, 31, 33, 38 John 14:9-10 John 5:17-18, 26 BUT also 30	Heb 2:7-10 Matt 16:27 Mark 8:38 John 11:4, 40 John 17:5 Heb 1:3