

All Things Are From God  
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

**I. Creation Order**

**A. From Chaos to Creation Genesis 1**

1. Earth without form and void, deep and dark
2. Successive degrees of order
  - a. Light
  - b. Sky - the separation of the deep into “waters”
  - c. Dry ground - the separation of waters from earth
  - d. Vegetation - the separation of produce from soil (according to kind)
  - e. Lights in the heavens - the separation of light into seasons and sources
  - f. Living creatures in water and air - the separation of organic life from substantial elements (according to their kind)
  - g. Land creatures and man - the separation of land creatures from other creature and man from among land creatures
  - h. Sabbath - the separation of rest from work
3. Every element of creation AND the resultant order in creation come from the heart and hand of God!
  - a. The content of creation glorifies God!
  - b. The course of creation glorifies God!
    - (1) God’s methodology in creation was to bring specific order out of non-specific chaos.
    - (2) **Order in creation glorifies the God of creation!**

**B. Proposition**

1. **The order in creation, properly understood and maintained in the church, glorifies God and furthers His mission to fill the earth with the knowledge of His glory!**
2. God orders the church around love and when love for God and one another prevails in the church, God is glorified in the world!
  - a. Love brings divine order to the chaos of division in the church.
  - b. Love brings divine order to the chaos of unchecked sin in the church
  - c. Love brings divine order to the chaos of prideful maneuvering in the church.
  - d. Love brings divine order to the chaos of sexual immorality in the church
  - e. Love brings divine order to the chaos of misunderstood marriage in the church
  - f. Love brings divine order to the chaos of misapplied freedom in the church
  - g. Love brings divine order to the chaos of unbridled unbelief in the church

- h. Love brings divine order to the chaos of improper worship in the church (chs 11-14)
  - (1) Failure to maintain in worship the distinction between godly and worldly men and women.
  - (2) Failure to maintain in worship the appropriate consideration of one another at the observance of the Lord's Supper
  - (3) Failure to practice spiritual gifts for the reason they are given
  - (4) Failure to love like Jesus
  - (5) Failure to follow appropriate order in the course of public worship

## II. 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 "All Things Are From God"

### A. Paul's Method: "There's Method in the Madness"

1. (v. 2) You have remembered and followed what I taught you.
2. (v. 3) What I taught you fits a larger picture of God's work to fill the earth with the knowledge of His glory by bringing order out of chaos.
  - a. Yes, we ought to understand what Paul means about headship, and we will, but for now what I want you to see is that Paul sets forth the principle that in this world there is, even in relation to the Father and the Son, a divinely described order!
  - b. There is a divinely described order between men and God, between husbands and wives, and even between Christ and God.
  - c. There is a relationship that serves the glory of God and the joy of God's people and that relationship is characterized by order.
3. (v. 4-10) Dishonor/disgrace come when the divinely described order that brings glory to God is abandoned by Christians.
  - a. (v. 4-5) The context is worship - prayer
  - b. (v. 6-7) The subject is propriety
  - c. (v. 8-10) The point is order
4. (v. 11-12) The key to this entire discussion is found in the answer to this question: "What lifestyle practices among Christians honor God by exalting the order He established in creation?"
  - a. Paul's example: the cultural means for maintaining the distinction between godly men and women who come together for worship.
  - b. When God's people gather for worship, you should be able to tell who the godly men are and who the godly women are.
  - c. If that distinction is not appropriately and adequately maintained by the congregation at worship and by the individual worshipers then love is impeded and there is something out of order in the church.
  - d. **Everything comes from God and "everything" ought to serve Him by bringing Him glory and not distracting or redirecting worship from Him.**
5. (v. 13-16) Observable order within nature points us to making lifestyle choices that prioritize and honor God in all His glory.

### B. The Take-Away Questions

1. Do my life style choices glorify God and bring honor to me?
2. Does the way I dress, the way I talk, the way I behave, the way I think in public and in private, serve God's glory or my own ego?
3. When I make the choices I make on a daily basis, do those choices demonstrate that Christ is the great love of my life or is it clear that I love myself most?
4. When I gather with God's people for worship, is it obvious through our personal or corporate choices that we are aligned with God for His glory or is what we do all about us?

### **III. Conclusion**

#### **A. Paul's Goal**

1. Paul's goal for these believers and for us is love
  - a. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
  - b. God's self-sacrificing love for us beckons us to give ourselves in self-sacrificing love to Him.
2. The Holy Spirit endues our hearts with the love of God and love for God when we respond with faith to the call of God.

- B. Come to faith in Christ and commit in faith to Christ and then you will have what is needed to order your life in line with Christ: love.**