

WHO IS THE HEAD?

Is it the Husband? Is it the Wife? Who rules over who? Who's the Boss? Isn't that what "head" means?

Lets examine....

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is CHRIST; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of CHRIST IS GOD.

(1 Corinthians 11:3)

Ok, there is your proof, yep, there it is...."The head of the woman is the man...seems logical to me...end of story...case closed, no further examination needed, we can move on.... but hey...not so fast....why are we so quick to close the Bible and walk away?

An interesting fact is that "Head" in greek does not mean ruler," "leader," or "boss", or a "chain of command", as we would assume it means in our language today. Actually the greek word for "HEAD" is KEPHALE, which means "source" or "origin".

Those who want to make the above verse a chain of command must rearrange Paul's words. In fact, If it were an chain of command, HE would not be at the bottom....right???

CHRIST head of man
Man head of woman
GOD head of CHRIST (Bottom?)

In fact, Paul seems to go out of his way to show that he was not assigning authority to males when he said, "**For as woman was** made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from GOD." (1 Cor 11:12)

Let's also talk about another key scripture that religious institutions like to use for hierarchy and rulership, (which is very similar to the other scripture we just read)

(Ephesians 5:22-24) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the LORD. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as JESUS CHRIST is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto JESUS CHRIST, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

We often portray marriage as a hierarchy, with Husbands on the throne and wives at the footstool, and we use Scripture to justify this view: "Wives...submit to your husbands as you do to the Lord" ([Ephesians. 5:22](#)). We assume this verse means women have no say in family matters or that their opinion is second-rate. In extreme cases, women have been told to submit to abuse in order to honor male headship. But this is not only dangerous but not correct. Again, the "wives submit", has been highlighted, pulled out, and distorted with our English understanding and interpretation and we are back to the "male headship idea." But upon further inspection....let me ask you a question.... [Why does no one pull out the scripture right before this one...Ephesians 5:21](#) It says "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of GOD".
(Sounds pretty mutual to me)

[Also did you know that in Ephesians Paul addresses husbands and wives separately; and in each instance, he gives exactly the same responsibility and "authority" to each. There is perfect mutuality throughout the chapter, neither is to exercise authority over the other.](#) In fact, Paul alternates between men and women twelve different times in this passage; and, "In every case there is complete mutuality between the two sexes. (If you want you can read Ephesians from 5:20-33). How did we get such a distorted understanding of this verse of "wives submit"? because we allowed it to be taken out of context, and quoted out of context, we believed a pastor or preacher's interpretation as fact instead of the Bible and studying it for ourselves) Have you ever heard someone say, I was quoted out of context? That's not what I meant, and that's not what I said! Well, that's what happens when we pick one verse out and not read the surrounding verses that go along with that verse. If we read everything in context along with knowing what submit truly means, we get the true understanding of what Paul was saying and meaning.

It requires a great deal of humility to admit we've been wrong. But to concede that "head" means "source/origin" in regards to JESUS CHRIST and "all men," and "source/origin" when it comes to Father and Son, and yet *passionately insist* that it somehow means "authority/leader" in regards to men and women is downright ridiculous. This would require an impossible-to-defend leap of faith and break every rule of education, grammar and common sense!

Also, the idea that [1 Corinthians 11:3](#) and [Ephesians 5:22-24](#) teaches that man is the boss is incorrect and harmful. It does not harmonize with Biblical teaching as a whole. Nor is it true to the literary or cultural contexts in which it was written.

As with all error, it has caused untold damage, in this case, to individuals and to True followers of JESUS in marriage. Further, it quenches the gifts and abilities of women by telling them that they must always fill a subservient role. And it puts ungodly pressure on men by demanding that they function in areas for which JESUS may not have gifted them. Also, studies show that this model has contributed to rampant domestic abuse in the body of JESUS.

I'm sure someone will say, but what about... "The Curse placed on Eve". We are grasping for straws at this point. Let me ask you a question?.. Does the blood of JESUS atone for all sins, or everything except the curse placed on Eve? "And GOD blessed *them*; and GOD said to *them*, (KEY WORD THEM) "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28 This first man and first woman had a true partnership in marriage, walking in equality, love and mutual respect, just as GOD had designed. And both of them were expected to rule and subdue the earth, just as He had commanded. Why should we believe that the precious blood of JESUS is powerful enough to save our souls, heal our bodies, redeem us from a life of poverty...but too weak and ineffectual to restore women to their rightful place of equality with men? Of course nothing could be further from the truth. Either the blood of JESUS covers all sin, or it doesn't. We have to conclude by the evidence...That GOD has given women the same rights and responsibilities that He's placed upon men.....that is evident in his word and by what we've discovered. So where have we gotten this idea about Women being less than a man? Answer..... Religious Institutions and seminaries that have taught the Pastors, Teachers, Preachers, and Evangelists gender prejudice and then taught it to you. And think about this, would you want to be held accountable to GOD by actively subverting and suppressing the call of GOD in the life of a person, just because she is a woman? I wouldn't want to answer to GOD for that? Would you?

Let's think about what JESUS spoke to James and John (the sons of Zebedee) when they wanted to sit on the right and on the left hand of JESUS:

Mark 10:42-45

42) But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. 43) But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: 44) And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. 45) For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

JESUS was redefining greatness, urging believers to adopt a mindset of humility and service; stating that true greatness comes from serving others rather than lording over them, highlighting a role model based on humility and sacrifice).

One last thought...if you are no longer two but one flesh, as it is quoted in Genesis 2:24 - "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." And also in Mark 10:8 "And the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh" as well as Matthew 19:5-6 "And said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"...**If a Husband and Wife are no longer two but one, how can one rule over the other??**

So, WHO's THE BOSS? For a truly successful marriage, there can be only one.....JESUS!

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