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Growing Up in Christ

“Fools Rush In Where Angels Fear To Tread!”

“To Err Is Human, To Forgive Divine!”

Alexander Pope



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# Women In Church

- *1 Corinthians 11:2-15*
- *1 Corinthians 14:34-40*
- *1 Timothy 2:11-12*



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# Foundational Assumptions

- The bible is our authority and guide, not culture.
- We don't know the Corinthians original questions.
- The basic rule of interpretation is to make the UNCLER fit with the CLEAR.
- The line between what is cultural and what is spiritually authoritative is unclear in some places.
- These issues need to be considered together, not in isolation.
- Historically, some churches have used these verses to abuse.



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# Some Things That ARE Clear!

- Men and women are equal in value, dignity, salvation, and worth before God.
- Men and women have biblically distinct and complementary roles in the home and church.
- Paul is NOT forbidding women to speak, pray, prophesy, evangelize, counsel, or lead in church.
- Paul IS restricting some forms of disruptive, disorderly or authoritative speech in worship.
- It is hard to decide what is CULTURAL and what is UNIVERSAL.
  - It is CLEAR that some things are UNCLEAR!



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# What About Head Coverings In Church?

- Permanent Head Covering View
- Cultural Symbol Of Honor View
- The Hair IS The Covering View

## My View

The theological principles of authority, orderly worship, preserving distinctions between men and women, and avoiding disgrace and confusion should always be kept in mind, but the CULTURAL symbol has passed.



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# What About Women Speaking In Church?

- Restricted Speech View (Minority: Total silence!)
- Disruptive Questioning View
- The Question/View

## My View

The passage is about something being out of order in worship and Paul correcting it. It is NOT absolute muteness, but is more a local issue than a timeless truth. It is situational, tied to orderly worship.



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# Women In Leadership In Church

- Classic view: Women should minister in many ways, but the office/function of Pastor/Elder is with authoritative doctrinal teaching of the gathered church is reserved for men.
- Contemporary view: The restrictions found in Timothy were local and temporary, not universal and limiting today.

## My View

I believe the bible teaches the Classic view based on an understanding of the original language.



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