

Monday Night Bible Study

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1 Corinthians 11

- Paul JUST finished chapter 10 of this book instructing the church about doing things for the good of the community, not just for himself. Laying down one's rights for the good of anyone who would come to faith in Christ [brother or sister]. So now he continues about the good of the community in chapter 11.
- PAUL uses an illustration from the order of the universe to make a larger point.
- Chapters 11-14 are a section of this book that symbolize the order and function of the body together.
 - o Chapter 11 – order of the universe (creation); order of the church
 - o Chapter 12 – order and function of the body with differing gifts. Equal but different gifts and functions.
 - o Chapter 13 – order and manner with LOVE as the center. This is the GOAL.
 - o Chapter 14 – order and manner in the supernatural gifts.
- Paul finishes this section with a final word about order and manner. 1 Corinthians 14:40 - But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

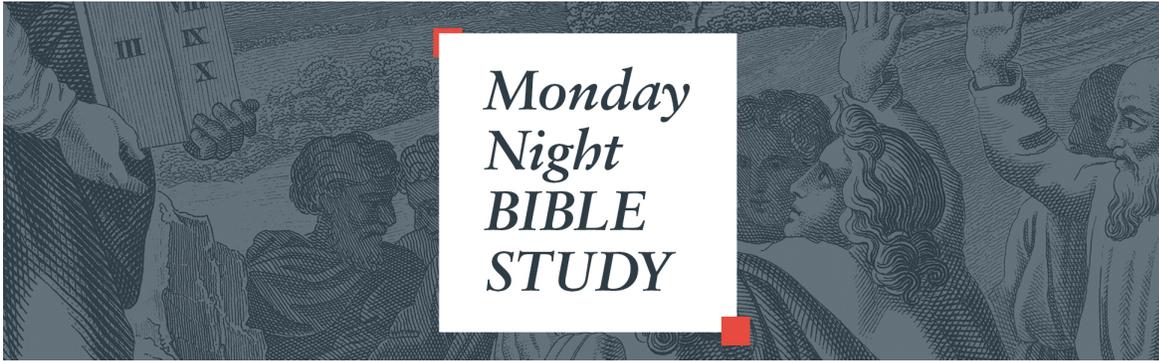
11 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. ² Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. ³ But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

→ God is creative mind of all things.

→ Jesus is the Agent of all things.

→ Holy Spirit is the power of all things. (Also the administrator of the church)

→ **EQUAL value/importance, different FUNCTION.**



⁴ Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, ⁵ but every woman who **prays or prophesies** with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven. ⁶ For if a woman will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a woman to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. ⁷ For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. ⁸ For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable [comparable; the opposite of] for him." ¹⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man and brought her to the man. ²³ The man said,

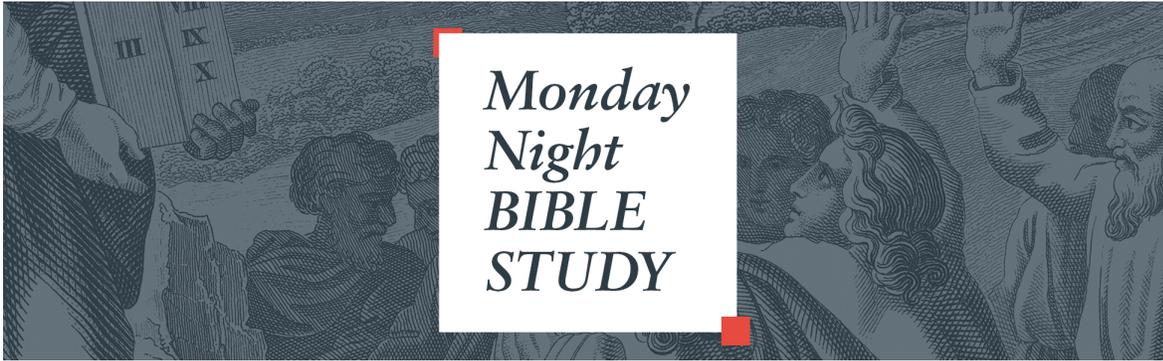
"This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

¹⁰ That is why a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

¹¹ **Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; ¹² for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.** [God is the head of all things!]

¹³ Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴ Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, ¹⁵ but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. ¹⁶ If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

Judges 13:2-5 - There was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no *children*. ³ Then the angel of



the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son. ⁴ Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing. ⁵ For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a **Nazirite** [“consecrated”] to God from the womb; and he shall deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

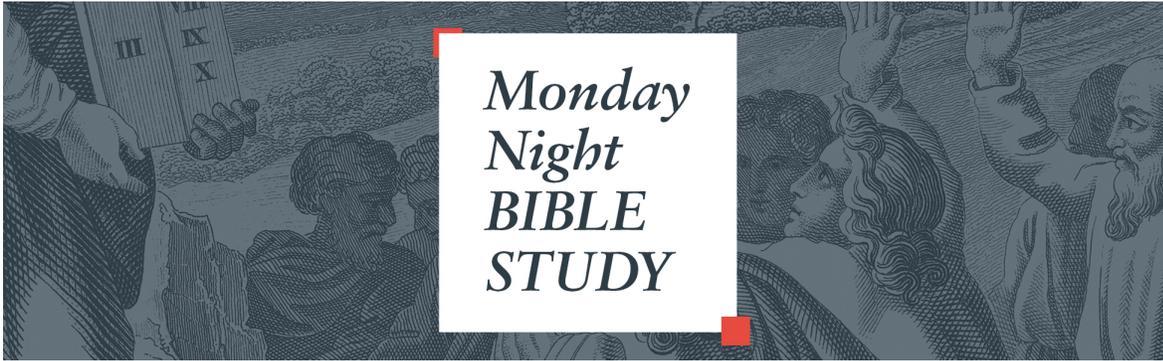
- **DELILAH**

Judges 16:17 - So he told her all *that was* in his heart and said to her, “A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I will become weak and be like any *other man*.”

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, **I hear that there are divisions among you**. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions [dissenting group] among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. [The symbol of the new covenant in the early church; it was a meal, not just a wafer and juice; it was a FEAST for all people in the community to come together and eat regularly]

²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. [Some people were arriving first, then eating all the food and gorging themselves in the feast before other people were able to sit and eat. They were violating the sacred space of this meal together. It was a buffet for some, while others had nothing]

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of



me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body [the body of the church] eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

[→The marking of a true believer was that they were sacrificial of one another. They didn't do things for their OWN GOOD. They looked out for one another, they did everything together. They were willing to stop and discern what was best for the body of the church. Some people were selfish and didn't think of any of the other believers, so people were missing out on the sharing of all things. (Acts 2:44)]

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, **wait for one another**— ³⁴ **if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home**—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

1. So, what's the importance of the imagery of the creation order, followed by the idea of the Lord's Supper?
2. Chapter 12 → The use of the Spiritual gifts in accordance with the church body.
 - a. Each one has their own gift. Same value, different function.
3. The order of creation is what we reflect when we use our giftings and function in the body of Christ, through love, for the edification of all. It honors our HEAD, that is Christ.

