

MESSAGE GUIDE

REBOOT: ORDER IN THE CHURCH, Part 1

1 Corinthians 11:1-16



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CONNECT

- Does your family have any interesting or funny “customs” that some people might not completely understand (leaving you to sometimes explain what they are all about)?

STUDY

The first half of 1 Corinthians 11 has been described as one of the most challenging sections of the New Testament to study through. The two main reasons for this are: (1) the passage contains a lot of cultural norms that we don’t understand some 20 centuries later, and (2) the passage brings up a biblical principle that seems strange to the ears of those who live in 2018. So, if you are up for the challenge, go ahead and give 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 a reading, and then work through the following questions:

- According to this passage, what are some of the unique customs from the first century that Paul describes? Why do they seem so strange to us?
- Reread 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 at least one more time, and then try to answer this question: what was the MAIN POINT Paul was trying to make through his instruction?
- How were the actions taking place in the Corinthian church capable of creating confusion and discord?

- What does Paul write in verse 16 and what did he mean by it?

- Verses 31-33 are Paul’s last words on the topic of handling our freedoms well. What wisdom does he offer his readers (and us!)

APPLY

- Why are things like proper attitudes, order and conduct important to the life of the church? What happens if these things don’t exist?
- What customs and practices do we have in 2018 that help us keep focused in a worship service?
- What types of things do you think were at the root of why the Corinthians seemed to have so much trouble functioning well as a church?
- What types of attitudes do we need to bring with us when we come together to worship as a church?