

# Communion

## Part 1

### Is it the actual eating of literal bread and drinking of a literal cup as in the eating of CHRIST FLESH and DRINKING HIS BLOOD?

It is noted that the majority of the local congregation has adopted this practice from that of the Roman Catholics and this stems from **1st Corinthians 11-23-26**: *For I have received of the LORD that which also I delivered unto you, that the LORD Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread : And when HE had given thanks, HE brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Now what's funny is that this is usually where they start and stop; however, we get understanding by taking the verses into context and that takes sometimes going back a verse or two, or maybe to the beginning of the Chapter or in this case the very beginning of the Letter. So that is what we need to do here: we will go to the very beginning of this letter but first we need to understand the background of this Church:

**Historical Facts:** Paul established this Church in Corinth; the city of Corinth was a Roman province and was part of a major trade route, so naturally it was a popping city that was made up of a large diversity of citizens and non-citizens alike due to a lot of travelers would be going through the city and some would settle there. This is important to know because it gives us an idea of what the church probably looked like, that it was very Diverse and made up of people from various sorts of backgrounds, customs, traditions and former beliefs, I believe it had Jews, proselyte Jews and all types of gentiles from different pagan and heathen religions **(sounds like modern day American or dare I say Westernized Churches)**. Because of this type of setting and diverse culture Corinth was considered to be a very wicked city and history has it that it was one of the wickedest cities of that time and had a lot of PAGAN PRACTICES/HABITS within wherein they had a NEED to have their MIND RENEWED TO THAT OF THE MIND/SPIRIT OF CHRIST. AS WE STUDY THE TEXT IT WILL BE obvious THAT a lot of the members of this church were converts from paganism AND HEATHEN CUSTOMS AS WELL AS FOLLOWERS OF THE LAW/OLD COVENANT OF ISRAEL PER SCRIPTURES (IN IGNORANCE) and were mixing and diluting PRACTICES/WORKS/CUSTOMS/TRADITIONS/ORDINANCES TO STAND IN THE PLACE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS ALREADY DONE IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION ON THEIR BEHALF. AS STATED IN **VERSE 2 OF CHAPTER 1**, THEY ARE THE CHURCH OF GOD (CALLED OUT OF GOD) AND THEY ARE SANCTIFIED (SET APART/HOLY/PROTECTED/PURE/SINGEL/ONE/UNDEFILED/ETC... IN CHRIST JESUS AND CALLED TO BE SAINTS....THUS CHRIST HAS DONE EVERYTHING AND NOTHING CAN BE ADDED/TAKEN AWAY/CHANGED TO WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE; AND SO THEY WERE having problems breaking their erroneous habits and following their self-reasoning AND LEANING TO THEIR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE SCRIPTURES WERE SPEAKING TO AND FOLLOWING THE SHADOW WHICH IS THE PHYSICAL AND NOT SEEING THE REAL WHICH IS THE SPIRITUAL (CHRIST AND HIS WORK) and since there was probably a large mixture of various traditions, beliefs, personal values/UNDERSTANDING AND CUSTOMS OF THE CHURCH OR SOCIETY AT THAT TIME, then it was of no doubt that there was no UNITY/FELLOWSHIP/Communion (SELAH!!) WITHIN THE CHURCH AT CORINTH; see **Chapter 1 verse 9**.

Thus THIS HELPS US TO SEE the reason WHY Paul was writing this LETTER TO THE Corinthians. WHAT I WANT TO POINT OUT IS THAT NOT ONLY THIS LETTER BUT BOTH OF HIS THE LETTERS TO CORINTH were OF reproof/correction and instruction/counsel and that is VITAL FOR GETTING UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTEXT OF THE LETTER AND WHAT PAUL IS SAYING. THIS IS how we should view the contents written IN EACH CHAPTER; IN EACH CHAPTER WE WILL SEE THAT Paul is admonishing the CHURCH and rebuking them...!! THAT IS THE SETTING AND GIVES WAY TO UNDERSTANDING WHAT HE WAS SAYING IN **THAT 11 CHAPTER** THAT IS OFTEN QUOTED FOR A COMMUNION COMMANDMENT YET I KNOW AND BELIEVE TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD AS COMMUNION AS WE SEE IT PRACTICED TODAY!

**Letter:** Each Chapter Paul is providing some type of clarity and edification to the church, obviously a baby church....we can see this all the way into **Chapter 11**; as such there should be no break of how we comprehend why Paul was stating what he stated.

**In Chapter 1** – In this very first chapter we get a foundation of the PURPOSE of PAUL'S writing. **In verse 4**, goes straight into the **GOSPEL** with his letter, for he states how they have **RECEIVED THE GRACE OF GOD AND THAT (HERE IS THE KICKER) THIS GRACE IS GIVEN (NOT EARNED/NOT AS A RESULT OF A PARTNERING AGREEMENT WHICH WAS OF THE OLD COVENANT (SEE DUET. CHAPTER 28), BUT GIVEN) AND IT IS GIVEN BY OR FROM JESUS CHRIST (GOSPEL, SELAH!)**. Then in **verse 5**, the setting is now being set; he said that in EVERYTHING THEY ARE ENRICHED BY HIM...WHAT? BY WHO? NOT THEMSELVES, NOT CUSTOMS, NOT WORKS, NOT EVEN THE FOLLOWING OF THE SCRIPTURES THAT THEY HAD WHICH WAS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WHICH SPOKE TO THE COVENANT THAT GOD HAD WITH PHYSICAL ISRAEL, THE OLD COVENANT ...BUT BY JESUS CHRIST WHO IS ..NOT WHAT ...BUT WHO IS THE NEW COVENANT! VERY IMPORTANT TO SEE HERE FOR THIS LAYS A FOUNDATION OF THE NEW COVENANT THAT IT IS A SPIRITUAL COVENANT THAT IS FULFILLED IN CHRIST THE HEAD AND ENDOWED ON US THE BODY....UMPH...THAT IS SO GOOD! OK, AGAIN PAUL IS OPENING THEIR EYES AND SO HE IS SAYING THAT THEY ARE ENRICHED AS IN SUPPLEMENTED, DEVELOPED, ENHANCED, IMPROVED IN EVERYTHING BY THAT OF CHRIST JESUS, AND THAT IT IS NOT IN **SOME** THINGS (SOME MEANING A PARTICULAR/SPECIFIC/CERTAIN AS IN JUST THIS ONE TYPE OF THING) BUT IN **EVERY** (EACH, SOME OF EVERY TYPE, ALL) THING!!! MAN THAT'S GOOD! OK SO NOW WHAT IS IT THAT THEY IN EVERY THING ARE ENRICHED BY CHRIST WITH? HE SAYS IN ALL UTTERANCE AND ALL KNOWLEDGE. UTTERANCE MEANING THE REVEALED MIND OF GOD WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST WHO IS THE WORD OF GOD THUS IT IS THE REVELATION OR REVELATIONS OF OR FROM JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF; AGAIN THAT IS GOOD! AND KNOWLEDGE MEANING UNDERSTANDING OR PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AS IN HOW THE TRUTH OR THE REVELATION(S) FROM/OF CHRIST IS APPLIED TO THEM/YOU AND HOW AND WHAT AFFECT THEY HAVE HAD AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ON THEM/YOU. SO THIS HERE IS ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PAUL; HE FIRST ENCOURAGES THEM BEFORE HE BEGIN TO REPROVE AND REBUKE THEM....SELAH! THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A MINUTE; ENCOURAGE AS IN PRESENTING SOMETHING BETTER THAT IS ATTAINABLE (THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL IS THE PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; IT'S THE ENCOURAGEMENT). THIS PRESENTATION IF YOUR WILL OR THIS TEACHING WHICH IS PREACHING IS THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND **THIS IS THE FORMULA THAT LEADS TO REPENTANCE (ATONEMENT - WOULD LOVE TO GET INTO THAT BUT WILL TAKE TO LONG, ANOTHER STUDY ☺)**. WHAT HAPPENS IS IN THIS, THIS MEANING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OR THE PREACHING OR MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO IN THIS CASE THE TEACHING OR SIMPLY THE PRESENTING OF THE GOSPEL which is THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST AND CHRIST ALONE!.... TRUTH IS SEEN FOR WHAT IT IS AND THAT IS **NAKED** AND WHEN REALIZED THIS TRUTH EXPOSES THE ERROR OF SOMETHING OR SELF BEING IN THE PLACE OF OR OVER GOD AND CAUSES GODLY SORROW WHICH CAUSES US TO REPENT THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT OF WHAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO OR BETTER SAID ADMISSION...NO ENTRANCE AS IN ENTERED INTO...NOW THAT'S

BETTER AND THAT IS ....**CHRIST THE WAY OF GOD**, THE ROAD HAS BEEN PAVED! SELAH!!! SEE **MATTHEW 3**). YOU SEE IT IS ONLY GOD WITHIN THAT SHOULD BE SEEN OR A BETTER PICTURE OF THIS IS TO SAY RESURRECTED AS IN THE UPRIGHT POSITION (THE OPPOSITE OF UPRIGHT IS TO BE FLAT WHICH MEANS ...NO SHINE AND IF CHRIST IS NOT UPRIGHT IN YOU THEN HE IS NOT SHINING IN YOU AND IF HE IS NOT SHINING/LIVING IN YOU THEN WHO OR WHAT IS? THAT'S RIGHT SELF/SATAN! ALSO UPRIGHT HAS A MEANING OF TRUTH MEANING YOU HAVE TO HAVE TRUTH IF GOD IS TO BE RESURRECTED IN YOU...THIS IS THE UPRIGHT AND WHEN WE THINK OF UPRIGHT WE ALSO SEE HIM CRUCIFIED WHICH IS THE PICTURE THAT EVERYTHING IS DONE ALL IS PAID FOR THERE IS NOTHING ELSE FOR YOU TO DO, THAT TRUTH HUMBLER).....SELAH! AND WE AS IN OUR SELF OR AS THE BIBLE PUTS IT **THE OLD MAN IS DEAD** MEANING THERE SHOULD BE NO ADORNMENT COMING FROM US IN NO WAY/FORM/SHAPE/OR FASHION FOR WHO GOES TO A GRAVEYARD AND GIVE HAIRCUTS AND PERMS AND MAKE-UP AND FOOD AND NEW CLOTHES AND JEWELRY TO THOSE THAT ARE IN THE GRAVE (DEAD)? AND WHEN I SAY ADORNMENT I MEAN ANY SELF EFFORT OF BEAUTIFICATION (MEANING IMPROVEMENT) OR EMBELLISHMENT (MEANING ENHANCEMENT) SO THERE IS NO IMPROVEMENT OR ENHANCEMENT TO THE FINISH WORK OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS (THE GOSPEL!). (TO DO SO IS TO REDECORATE GOD'S GLORY...WOW...HOW CAN MAN DO THIS AND YET WE DO AND SEE SO MANY DOING THIS.....WHEWWW!!!, THAT'S SCARY! ISN'T IT?); AGAIN THE GOSPEL DECLARES THE OLD MAN HAS BEEN LEVELED AS IN THE HORIZONTAL POSITION AND THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE NEW MAN IN YOU IN TRUTH IS RESURRECTED WHICH IS THE UPRIGHT AS IN VERTICAL POSITION .... CHECK THIS PICTURE OUT ☺...WHEN YOU PUT THESE TWO POSITIONS TOGETHER WHAT DO YOU HAVE? UPRIGHT (GLORIFIED)/VERTICLE (MEANING TO BE SEEN) AND LEVELED (HUMBLER)/HORIZONTAL (DEAD & BURIED/COVERED...) YOU HAVE THE CROSS OF CHRIST. Again this encouragement is edification unto them to ESTABLISH THEM IN THE WAY OR IN CHRIST!

**VERSE 7** IS STATING THAT THE GRACE OF GOD GIVEN TO THEM FROM JESUS CHRIST, **PER VERSE 4**: ENRICHES OR DEEPENS THEM (**MEANING IT IS CHRIST THAT DOES THIS, HE DEEPENS OR HOLLOWS OUT**); **IN TRUTH AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE, PER VERSE 5**; **SO CHRIST WHO IS THE TRUTH AND OUR PRACTICAL LIFE IS PLANTED IN THE VERY CENTER OF OUR BEING OUR SPIRIT/MIND HOLLOWS OR EMPTIES US OF WORTHLESSNESS OR SELF WHICH IS OF NO VALUE OR IS NOT THE GENUINE (SELAH!))** OR THE SHORT FORM OF THIS IS TO SAY THAT THIS GRACE IS THE REVELATION OF CHRIST AND NOTHING ELSE!! **AND AS THE VERSE STATES...THIS IS SO THAT THEY COME BEHIND IN NO GIFT**, BUT SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND SOMETHING WAS OBVIOUSLY LACKING...HENCE THE LETTER!!! .... SO SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH THEM AT THE TIME OF THE LETTER... FROM THIS VERSE ALONE AND AS WE WILL SEE IN THE REST OF THE LETTER...WE SEE THAT THEY WERE COMING BEHIND IN SEVERAL OF THE GIFTS OR THEIR GIFT AS IN GOD GIVEN ABILITY THROUGH AND BY AND IN AND FROM AND OF CHRIST WAS NOT OPERATING AS INTENDED (THIS IS AN OLD AUDITOR STATEMENT ABOUT THE EFFECTIVES OF IDENTIFIED CONTROLS) AND I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THEM AND WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS.....AND GOD BROUGHT TO MY SPIRIT THE VISION OF A CHILD THAT HAS AUTISM...**(AUTISM IS a CONDITION [CONDITIONS COULD BE DEFINED AS CIRCUMSTANCES, SITUATIONS, SURROUNDINGS, SETTINGS, ENVIORNMENTS] THAT DISTURBS PERCEPTIONS (ANOTHER WORD FOR PERCEPTIONS IN INSIGHT, AWARENESS & MY FAVORITE BUT REALLY ALL ARE GOOD...DISCERNMENT) AND RELATIONSHIPS WHERE THE FORMATION (CREATION/ESTABLISHMENT/FOUNDATION/MATERIALIZATION) OF RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOT FULLY ESTABLISHED WHICH MAKES FOR THE FOLLOWING OF UNUSUAL (strange) PATTERNS** this disturbance is in the psychological development that hinders the use of language, reaction and interpretation – psychological meaning the mental process of the MIND and the MIND is equated with the immaterial part of man... the brain is not the mind but the house for the mind, thus the mind is the SPIRIT of man and this disturbance means a spiritual indigestion hinders the ability to

process/interpret/understand/grasp the WORD thus our practical life not being SPIRIT LED!!! THIS WAS VERY ENLIGHTENING WHEN DEFINED IN LIGHT OF THIS CHURCH FOR THERE WAS A LOT OF CONTAMINATION IN THEIR MIX (THEY WERE KICKING IT WITH OUTSIDERS/UNBELIEVERS AS IF THEY WERE BELIEVERS...(UNBELIEVERS ARE THE CRYPTONITE TO SUPERMAN).AHHHHH!!!; NOW THIS SHEDS LIGHT ON **CHAPTER 11 VERSE 27**..THIS IS THE EATING AND DRINKING UNWORTHILY..SELAH...DON'T WORRY WE WILL SEE IT LATER) ANYHOW THIS CONTAMINATION WAS PREVENTING THE **FULL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST** (**GALATIANS 4:19** *My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you*) THUS AS A RESULT THEY WERE NOT **FOLLOWING HIM AS A PATTERN** BUT THAT OF THE WORLD AND THE TYPES/SHADOW/FIGURES.... OR BETTER SAID **WHO THEY HUNG AROUND/FELLOWSHIP WITH OR HOW BOUT WE JUST SAY WHO THEY WERE HOLDING COMMUNION WITH** AND OBVIOUSLY IT INCLUDED THOSE THAT WERE NOT OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS/BELIEVERS/OF THE BODY OF CHRIST...OK I AM GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF; BUT MANNNNN CAN WE SAY AMEN TO THAT...DON'T KNOW ABOUT YALL BUT I CAN DEFINITELY SEE MYSELF IN THIS..THERE IS SO MUCH THAT HAPPENS IN THE EVERY DAY SO CALLED NORMAL LIFE THAT COMES TO POLLUT MY MIND AND SPIRIT....AS one of my BROTHER'S said to me....EVERYTHING IN THIS LIFE IS A DISTRACTION TO HINDER US FROM THE TRUTH/CHRIST.... WELL LIKEWISE THEY HAD SPIRITUAL AUTISM WHICH RESULTED IN THEM BEING A LOT NOT A LITTLE BUT A LOT ... SLOWER IN UNDERSTANDING THUS **NOT** LIVING BY THE TRUTH OR BETTER SAID **WALKING IN THE SPIRIT**, THEN THE OTHER CHURCHES!!! NOW THIS WILL PREACH.... I POSE A QUESTION FOR FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND THAT IS ...WHAT IS HINDERING YOUR GROWTH OR THE FULL DEVELOPMENT AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION OF CHRIST WITHIN YOU (SELAH)? DO YOU HAVE SPIRITUAL AUTISM?

**IN VERSE 8** HE FURTHER ENCOURAGES THEM BY TELLING THEM THAT JESUS CHRIST SHALL CONFIRM THEM UNTO THE END! NOW that word confirm means to STABILITATE OR TO STRENGTHEN OR TO RATIFY, (RATIFY IS THE MORE APPROPRIATE TERM... LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THIS DEFINITION - Ratification is a principal's approval of an act of its agent where the agent lacked authority to legally bind the principal. The term applies to private contract law ..)! THIS DEFINITION IS VERY ENLIGHTENING FOR THE SIMPLE FACT THAT **JESUS DEATH IS A LITERAL CONTRACT** THAT BINDED US TOGETHER **IN** HIM AND JUSTIFIES US UNTO REDEMPTION...IN OTHER WORDS HIS DEATH IS APPROVED OF GOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF OUR SINS (**ROMAN 3:24-25** *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God*); YOU SEE WE LACKED THE AUTHORITY BECAUSE OF SIN BUT CHRIST... BEING A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH YET WHILE WE WERE ENEMIES DIED FOR OUR SINS ... (**ROMANS 5:6-11** - <sup>6</sup> *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.* <sup>7</sup> *For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.* <sup>8</sup> *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.* <sup>10</sup> *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.* <sup>11</sup> *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*) **FURTHERMORE** **1<sup>ST</sup> PETER 1:18-21** – *Forasmuch as you know that you WERE NOT REDEEMED with corruptible things, as silver and gold from your vain conversation RECEIVED BY TRADITIONS FROM YOUR FATHERS (surely what they were following in this church); BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF*

**CHRIST AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT; Who BY HIM DO believe in GOD (you can't even believe on your own, believe WHAT?) that RAISED HIM UP (resurrection; do you believe in the resurrection meaning that HE IS CURRENTLY RESURRECTED IN YOU! For therein is the POWER OF GOD and is the GOSPEL or good news of your salvation, SELAH!!!) from the DEAD! (us without CHRIST..sinners, SELAH!!!) and gave HIM GLORY...(why?) that YOUR/THEIR/OUR/MY FAITH AND HOPE BE IN GOD (AGAIN NOTHING ELSE, GOD ALONE AND HIS FINISH WORK IN CHRIST--- SELAH!!!)!!!**

SO AGAIN, THE CENTER FOCUS AND MAIN POINT IS THAT THIS CONFIRMATION WHICH PAUL SPEAKS OF IN THIS VERSE IS AN ONGOING THING; CHRIST IS CONSTANTLY CONFIRMING US AS SATAN BRINGS UP ACCUSATIONS...CHRIST IS SAYING NO I GOT HIM.... SATAN SYAS BUT YEAH LOOK AT THIS AND CHRIST IS SAYING YEAH...BUT I....BUT I....BUT ☺ I PAID FOR THAT! YOU SEE THE CONFIRMANTON PAUL IS REFERRING TO HERE IS INDEED AN **ACTUAL CONTRACT** AND IT IS KNOWN AS THE NEW COVENANT/AGREEMENT AND IT HAS BEEN RATIFIED THROUGH HIS BLOOD (**HEBREWS 9:22-26 = <sup>22</sup> And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.<sup>23</sup> It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.<sup>24</sup> For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:<sup>25</sup> Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;<sup>26</sup> For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.) MOREOVER, CHRIST STATED HIMSELF IN MATTHEW 26:28 (NLT) - **for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.****

THIS ACT OF CHRIST THIS RATIFICATION CONFIRMS US AND THIS IS EVIDENT THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HIS SEAL OF APPROVAL THAT PRESENTS US AS BLAMELESS AND IT COVERS ALL OF OUR TIME ON THIS EARTH FROM BIRTH (BEGINNING) TO HIS COMING!!! **Ephesians 1:13-14 (NLT) states - And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago, The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased (PAID FOR OUR SINS??? WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH!!! SELAH!!!) us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify HIM.....MANNNNN... !! THIS IS THE MENAING OF THIS VERSE; THIS IS WHAT PAUL WAS SAYING TO THEM AND THIS IS WHAT THEY UNDERSTOOD WHEN HE SPOKE THIS...NOW IF THIS ISN'T ENCOURAGEMENT THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS, SELAH!!!**

**IN VERSE 9** THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO BECAUSE IN THIS VERSE IS STATED THAT IT IS BY GOD THE FATHER THAT THE FELLOWSHIP THAT THEY ARE **CALLED TO IS WITH THE FATHER SELAH!!!** (NOW THIS WORD FELLOWSHIP AS USED IN THIS VERSE IS THE SAME GREEK WORD AS COMMUNION), THUS OUR COMMUNION OR THE COMMUNION IS THE FELLOWSHIP THAT IS OF....HERE WE GO THAT WORD OF MEANS FROM SO IT IS THE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER THAT COMES FROM HIS SON....**JESUS AGAIN SAYS HIMSELF AS QUOTED IN JOHN 14:6 - <sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**



**GET IT...IT DOES NOT COME ANY OTHER WAY BUT FROM HIS SON AND HE DID THIS IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION...HE MADE US ONE WITH HIM AND THE FATHER..... THIS IS THE WHOLE OF THE COMMUNION AND HOW IT IS NOW SPIRITUAL AS OPPOSED TO A LITERAL EATING AND DRINKING SELAH!!!...NO WORRIES WE WILL GET TO THE MEANING OF THE EATING OF THE BREAD AND THE DRINKING OF THE CUP...JUST WANTED YOU TO SEE THIS HERE!!!**

THROUGH THE READING OF THE REST OF THIS CHAPTER we can now see that this IS A RESPONSE LETTER TO A REPORT OF THE STATUS, CONDITION, AND STATE of the Church @ Corinth and although we don't have the report itself TO read but from PAUL'S reply contained in this letter we can of no doubt conclude that it was NOT good. Actually one of the worst things you can have amongst believer's/a body/a family/a marriage etc... is what we gleam from in this letter **[SEE VERSES 10-12]**. IN THESE VERSES WE SEE that they were separating themselves from each other (SELAH!)... I KNOW IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER OR AT SOME TIME IN ALL OF OUR LIVES WE CAN RELATE TO THIS; WHETHER IT IS THROUGH EXPERIENCE IN DOING THIS OF HAVING IT HAPPEN TO US OR BOTH; FOR EXAMPLE HOW ABOUT IN THE WORK ENVIRONMENT? OR IN SCHOOL? OR IN THE SERVICE/MILITARY? OR HOW ABOUT AS PART OF A TEAM? OR PART OF A PROJECT OR COMMITTEE? YOU KNOW WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT...WE KNOW THEM AS CLICKS!!! WELL LIKEWISE IN THIS CHURCH THEY WERE FORMING/ESTABLISHING CLICKS. Clicks are always bad news ... no one likes clicks, NOT EVEN THE ONES THAT ARE IN THEM FOR MOST JOIN OUT OF PRESSURE AND INSECURITY TO BELONG. I ALWAYS STAYED AWAY FROM CLICKS AND CLICKISH PEOPLE.... FOR THERE WAS TOO MUCH PRIDE AS AN ARROGANCE GOING ON... YOU CAN BE THAT WHEREVER THERE ARE CLICKS THERE IS PRIDE AND EGO THUS SELF. BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE HERE IS THAT THESE CLICKS INVOLVE MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE. IT WAS NOT JUST THE TRUE PEOPLE OF GOD SPLITTING INTO VARIOUS FACTIONS; ALTHOUGH THAT WAS AND IS THE CASE EVEN IN TODAY'S CHURCH BUT IT WAS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR BELIEF OR LACK THEREOF IN WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN CHRIST JESUS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT THAT RESULT HAS CALLED THEM/US UNTO..., FOR THEY WERE SEPARATING MAINLY OUT OF ACCEPTANCE! ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE THAT DID NOT AGREE ON GOD'S WORD THROUGH PROPER UNDERSTANDING (WE HAVE A LOT OF THAT TODAY JUST IN CHRISTIANITY WE HAVE SO MANY SECTS OF CHRISTIANITY FROM CATHOLICISM TO MORMONISM TO JEHOVA WITNESSES AND MUCH MORE); AS WELL AS SEPARATION DUE TO ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE THAT DID NOT AGREE ON **THE FINAL AUTHORITY** OF FAITH OR SINCE THE WORD OF GOD IS CHRIST THEN THEY ACCEPTED THOSE THAT DID NOT **HAVE FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS BEING THE NEW COVENANT AND THE ONLY WAY OF GOD TO THE FATHER** (MODERN DAY ONE WORLD ORDER ONE WORLD RELIGION THE INCLUSION OF ALL RELIGIONS AS A WAY TO GOD; OPRAH SAYS THAT THERE IS MANY PATHS AND ROADS AND THEY ALL LEADS TO GOD, WE NOW HAVE SO MANY TEACHING AND PREACHING OF THIS COMPROMISE OR LIE OF SATAN IN THE PULPIT TODAY!!! WHAT A SHAME, WE HAVE TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILY AND NOT PARTAKE OR EAT AND DRINK/FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNE WITH THIS DOCTRINE, THIS IS THE EATING AND DRINKING AGAIN THAT IS UNWORTHILY)...NOW FOR EXAMPLE SOME OF THIS WAS IN THE FORM OF THE ACCEPTING OF ACTIVE LIFESTYLES CONTRARY TO THE WORD OF GOD (SAME SEX MARRIAGE/HOMOSEXUAL LIFESTYLE...GOD DOESN'T HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THAT; FORNICATION/SHACKING UP...GOD DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT; DIVORCE; GOD DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT; AND NOW BLUNT SLAP IN THE FACE ADULTRY AND LONG TERM/LIFE AFFAIRS ....EVEN PREACHERS IN THE PULPIT ARE DOING THIS WITH NO SHAME OR

CONVICTION...KELLING THE BODY....NOOOOO OF COURSE NOT GOD DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT DOES HE...HMMMM WE WILL SEE, WON'T WE!) TO NEW AGE MOVEMENTS (OH YEAH THEY HAD THEM BACK THEN TOO) TO PRIVATE INTERPRETATIONS (WE CALLED THEM OCCULTS) AND HERE IS SOMETHING A LOT OF YOU WON'T LIKE AND THAT IS THE ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN PAGAN/HEATHEN PRACTICES HOLLOWEEN...OR EASTER THE TO pagan goddess Ishtar...or the pledging of your allegiance to a flag/country a secular government (SELAH!) OR MOST FAMOUS CHRISTMAS THE CHRIST MASS....MMMHMMMM TO FLAT OUT COLLUSION AS IN COSENTING WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO CHANGING AND MIXING THE LIVING WORD/PURE FAITH WITH WATERED DOWN RELIGION AND FLAT OUT LIES OF MAN/WORLD/SATAN (CHRIST SAYS IF YOU ARE NOT FOR HIM YOU ARE AGAINST HIM ... THERE IS NO IMBETWEEN; HE SAID HE RATHER FOR YOU TO BE HOT OR COLD THEN TO BE LUKEWARM FOR THIS HE WILL SPEW YOU OUT OF HIS MOUTH)! The BIBLE HERE IN THIS VERSE PLAINLY puts it like this... THERE WERE/IS **DIVISIONS in the CHURCH (GREEK WORD SCHISMA, WHERE WE GET OUR WORD schizophrenia (MENTAL/MIND/SPIRITUAL DISORDER/SICKNESS/DESEASE/ILLNESS/VIRUS), meaning the body OR THE CHURCH that is supposed to be of one mind can be equated to a person having a split personality OR PERSONALITY MEANING NATURE (THE BODY OF CHRIST WHICH IS THE CHURCH WAS/(IS) DIVIDED WITH THOSE OF GOD'S NATURE AND THOSE THAT WERE/(ARE) NOT OF GOD'S NATURE THUS NOT OF THE BODY HIS CHURCH...SELAH!)...CAN YOU SAY EATING AND DRINKING UNWORTHY...SOUNDS FAMILIAR? CAN THIS BE THE /COMMUNION/FELLOWSHIP THAT THEY WERE DOING AND WHAT PAUL WAS WARNING THEM ABOUT IN CHAPTER 11 VERSE 27? IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THIS IS SAYING THAT WHEN WE DO THIS WE ARE AGREEING TO IT AND BECOME A PART OF IT THUS IT PROVES THAT EVEN WITHIN OURSELFS AS MEMBERS OF THE BODY THERE IS THE PRESENCE OF SELF AND/OR THE FLESH, A SCHIZO..WE AS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER THAT PARTAKES IN A BODY/CHURCH WITH THIS TYPE OF DIVISION THE ACCEPTING OF ALL AS THE BODY THEN WE TOO ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THIS SHOWS THAT WE HAVE A SPLIT PERSONALITY OR NATURE AND THIS IS UNHEALTHY, UNSTABLE AND REALLY DANGEROUS NOT ONLY TO OURSELVES BUT TO OTHERS AS TO THE BODY (GUILTY OF THE BODY AND THE BLOOD OF THE LORD..GUILTY MEANING LIABLE(MEANING RESPONSIBLE) TO THE CONDITION OF....) IN THE NATURAL WE CALL SUCH A ONE CRAZY!!!!**

OK SO HOW DID THEY/WE GET THIS WAY OR LIKE THIS OR HOW DOES THIS CONDITION COME ABOUT? THE CLICKS CAME ABOUT BECAUSE ONE WAS THINKING THAT HE OR SHE WAS BETTER, DEEPER, MORE SPIRITUAL, MORE HOLY THEN THE OTHER...CAN WE SAY AMEN! YES WE CAN...HAH? FOR WE OURSELVES IN MODERN DAY AMERICAN WESTERNIZED CHURCH HAVE THIS CANCER FOR WE THINK THAT WE ARE BETTER THAN OTHER CHRISTIANS BASED OFF OF WHERE WE GO TO CHURCH OR WHO IS OUR PASTOR OR WHO WE STUDY UNDER OR AFFILIATE WITH OR HOW BIG OUR MINISTRY IS..ETC... THAT THESE MAKES US BETTER THAN THE OTHER OR MORE SPIRITUAL (SELAH) JUST LIKE THEM THE BABY, CARNAL FLESHLY CHURCH @ CORINTH...THAT'S CRAZY BECAUSE BY NATURE A CHRISTIAN IS NOT BETTER THAN ANOTHER CHRISTIAN BECAUSE OF GRACE...SELAH....MAYBE MORE MATURE BUT NOT BETTER...IT'S A DIFFERENCE! DAY AMERICAN CHURCH HAH???? **see verses 10-12.** BUT IN HIS REBUKE TO THEM IN THIS LETTER HE REPROVES THEM WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT CORRECTS THEM FROM THE PHYSICAL TO THE SPIRITUAL (**WHICH WE WILL SEE IS THE THEME OF THE WHOLE OF THE LETTER IN PARTICULAR FOR OUR STUDY, WHICH DON'T FORGET IS COMMUNION IS IT LITERAL OR SPIRITUAL TAKEN FROM CHAPTER 11**). STARTING WITH VERSE 13 GOING THROUGH THE REST OF THIS CHAPTER; He further ADMONISH THEM BY LETTING them know that their manner of conduct is to be by NOTHING LESS OR MORE than that of the GOSPEL (which at that time OTHER letters from the other disciples were circulated, AND WE KNOW THAT BECAUSE in this letter Paul quotes from them, so they had Doctrine, THEY JUST COULDN'T DIGEST IT AND AS STATED IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIER COMMUNION/FELLOWSHIP) which is the wisdom of GOD and anything other or outside or omitted and/or added is of the FLESH and that they can't be looking to man but only to GOD in CHRIST JESUS **see verses 12-31.**

**In Chapter 2** – now since they were glorying in man as we saw in chapter 1. We see here in chapter two that Paul is telling them that their GLORY should only be in the POWER OF GOD and not man, and he uses himself as an example **see verses 1-5**. He confirms that they were established on nothing more than that of the Testimony of GOD, not of his beliefs or former practices or his thinking or his mind/wisdom but the WISDOM from GOD, the expressed MIND of the FATHER which is CHRIST more specifically HIS DEATH....which was the mystery of the POWER of HIS DEATH (this is key because it's the central focus of what Paul was actually saying in Chapter 11, the POWER of HIS DEATH) **see verses 6-16**.

**In Chapter 3** – This is a great chapter and gives LIGHT on why they were having these issues, **in verses 1-3**; he states the ROOT of the problem **verse 1** he states that they are BABES IN CHRIST and that they are carnal...ahhhhhh here we go.... BABES means immature and simple minded, so concerning the things of GOD expressed through CHRIST/SPIRIT/THE WORD they were simple-minded or child-like and naïve or inexperienced (new) then **in verse 2** he said that they have only been fed with milk and not meat. They were only given the first elements or fundamentals or essentials; so they basically didn't know what they were doing.....again this is key **to chapter 11**. This is the most critical of this chapter, the remaining portion we see the theme of Paul correcting them about giving honor to men and explaining to them the nothingness of men.

**In Chapter 4** – Again we see here the continuation of Paul's admonishment in giving GLORY to GOD and reducing man to noting more than HIS slaves in ministering, so obviously among themselves they were getting the big-head thinking that one was better than the other because of who they were taught by thus they were following each other. Some were taking their knowledge and understanding to place themselves in high positions in the church so Paul was telling them that their following is that they are in no way mature enough to be teaching and flowing the ways of each other but that they should stick to the teaching and instructions as comes from him.

**In Chapter 5** – Paul gets specific, he talks about what is actually going on....FORNICATION and not only that but GROSS FORNICATION that a son was kicking it with his father's wife and that they were turning the other cheek on this so here again we see CORRECTION and REBUKE. He tells them HOW to deal and how to view such conduct or sin within the body....this is another KEY CHAPTER in getting understanding of the famous **Chapter 11 verses**. **Key verses in this Chapter are verses 6-13**. This is so key that actually we can leave from here and go straight to **Chapter 11** and it would explain what CHRIST was saying and Why Paul quoted the gospels; but we will just continue. So here in these verses **specifically verse 6** Paul is saying that a little leaven leavens the whole lump...so from this we see an analogy (**KEY\*\*\* leaven is FIGURATIVE SPEECH!!!!**). Paul here is equating the leaven which is yeast (yeast is bread-again he got this from the gospels so obviously this is in the same manner in which CHRIST was speaking....Selah) with sin and that sinful yeast spreads throughout the whole lump of yeast and thus that which is unleavened becomes leavened.... So this is a picture of believer(s) engaged in sinful conduct and that sinful conduct is being tolerated/accepted/approved and even celebrated within the church WILL have a NEGATIVE impact on the CHURCH. Again he uses the picture of leaven to equate that with believers, so it's simple math or algebra: leaven=bread=believers=body of Christ, thus the bread is the body of Christ (**see 1 Corinthian Chapter 10 verse 17**). Again, this is key to remember in this study, make a note of this. **In verse 7**, he states that it's imperative that we remove the old leaven that we maybe a NEW LUMP because you are unleavened... again, remove the infected yeast from the lump and you will remain as you are...this analogy states that any believer or so called believer that is engaged in willfully sin which is worldly and wicked conduct HAS TO BE REMOVED...why? Because **CHRIST our PASS OVER** (again



remember this, for this is what CHRIST was saying in the GOSPELS concerning eating the bread and drinking the cup) is SACRIFICED for us....**verse 8** he says therefore, meaning as a result of what he stated in the previous verse, as in since CHRIST is OUR PASSOVER and is SACRIFICED for us, we are to keep the feast (the pass-over feast) NOT WITH old LEAVEN (not with sinners whether they are of saying that they are believer's (for you shall know them by their fruit , Selah!..) and especially if they are not of the same lump/body basically unbelievers (pagans). We are not to be eating and drinking ORRRR.....FELLOWSHIPING with those that are of malice and wickedness or sinners or unbelievers. Key thing is that fellowship is the same as communion and our fellowship/communion is OF the SON (OF meaning FROM) see **Chapter 1 verse 9**. \*\*\*In this we can begin to see that this fellowship/communion which means a relationship, intimacy, unity and SPIRITUAL UNION IS WHAT CHRIST ACCOMPLISHED FOR US WHEN HE BECAME OUR PASS OVER SACRIFICE, SO THE COMMUNION IS NOW SPIRITUAL AND IT'S THE BELIEVERS PARTAKING OF TRUTH THROUGH THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY WHICH IS THE BREAD AND WE ARE THE BREAD BECAUSE HE IS THE BREAD AND WE EAT OF HIM LIKEWISE WE EAT OF HIS BODY WHEN WE EAT FROM EACH OTHER OR PARTAKE OF THE CHURCH....CAN WE SEE THAT? Paul then goes on to say in the **latter part of verse 8**, that we KEEP the feast with THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF SINCERITY AND TRUTH (AGAIN WE SEE HERE THAT THIS IS NOT A LITERAL BREAD BUT FIGURATIVE SPEECH, THUS THE BREAD IS SPIRITUAL FOR THE BREAD THAT WE EAT IS OF SINCERITY AND TRUTH!) This all happened when???? **Verse 8** says when CHRIST was SACRIFICED for US HE became our PASSOVER, thus the physical now became the SPIRITUAL (THE NEW COVENANT IN HIS BLOOD/DEATH). This was NEVER a COMMUNION as we see it done in the churches which come from PAGAN Roman catholicism, we will see this later as I have some research to share, but the eating of the PASSOVER! We can see the literal INSTITUTION OF THE KEEPING OF THE PASSOVER WITH THAT OF UNLEAVENED BREAD in the old testament/covenant per **Exodus 12 verse 14-15 – AND THIS DAY SHALL BE UNTO YOU A MEMORIAL; AND YOU SHALL KEEP IT A FEAST TO THE LORD THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS; YOU SHALL KEEP IT A FEAST BY AN ORDINANCE FOREVER** (forever here does not mean for all of time). **SEVEN DAYS SHALL YOU EAT UNLEAVENED BREAD, EVEN THE FIRST DAY SHALL PUT AWAY LEAVEN OUT OF YOUR HOUSES; (remember verse 7 of Chapter 5 in Corinthians)** for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel ( Israel shadow of the Spiritual Church, again see verse 5 of 1 Corinthian chapter 5). Here you see that this was instituted as a memorial and that it was to be kept BY THE CHILDREN of ISRAEL as a FEAST by an ORDINANCE, NOT A LAW but an ORDINANCE OF THE LAW but GLORY BE TO GOD, CHRIST CAME AND FULFILLED THE LAW NOT TAKE AWAY THE LAW BUT FULFILL THE LAW AS IN HE BECAME THE ORDINANCE OF THE LAW FOR US; AND THUS IT WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM US WHEN HE GAVE HIS LIFE AS A SACRIFICE FOR US BOTH IN COMING IN THE FLESH BUT REALIZED IN HIS DEATH (SELAH!!!). **See Ephesians 2:15 – HAVING ABOLISHED IN HIS FLESH THE ENMITY, EVEN THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES: ....** Also **Colossians 2:14 – Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and TOOK IT OUT OF THE WAY, NAILING IT TO HIS CROSS!** Now all of this should make things clearer, but let's continue...in **verse 9-13** – here we see that Paul must have wrote to them before this current letter we are reading because he says that he wrote an epistle to them that they are not to keep company with basically heathens those that are not in the BODY PERIOD for those that are not of the body are not of GOD and are deemed WICKED. And he is telling them that NOW he has written this letter to FURTHER INSTRUCT THEM TO NOT EVEN KEEP COMPANY WITHIN THE BODY OF ANYONE THAT IS ACTIVELY INDULGING IN SIN AND NOT ONLY STAY AWAY FROM BUT TO PUT THEM OUT (DEEP!).

Alright this was the key chapter to gaining understanding **to Chapter 11 verses 23-26** often quoted when taking the so called communion, but nevertheless to be consistent with Paul bring correction, we can note the following:

- **Chapter 6:** Paul is reproofing them for going to the world to settle their differences (this speaks a lot to the current body during our time); **verses 6-11** gives instructions on how they are to handle their legal matters and **verses 12-20** speaks of the use of our physical body and that it is for the USE OF THE LORD!
- **Chapter 7:** He is responding to the things that obviously they were having problems with for he states in **verse 1** "now concerning the things whereof you wrote unto me...." This chapter is mainly instruction concerning marriage.
- **Chapter 8:** This chapter is a response to eating of foods that were/are offered unto idols and how we are not to use our freedom to become a stumbling block unto some of the weaker brothers and sisters in the Faith.
- **Chapter 9:** This chapter speaks to members of this Church having a problem with Paul's manner of living as an Apostle to the Church, they were questioning him being taken care of by the Church, that did not understand that Paul's work and job was to minister unto them but since they have a problem as stated in the previous chapter he would deny this liberty as to not make his preaching of the gospel of none effect and that he is not glorifying himself in his GOD ordained Office; as we see so many of the so-called pastor/teachers/prophets/ministers and pastors do, but that he makes himself a Servant to all. So there was some that wanted to have the position and Glory they saw Paul receiving. Can we relate to this? Of course for we see a lot of people making themselves titles as Apostles and Bishops as to lord it over others in the BODY to steal glory unto themselves; but again Paul brings correction in this chapter letting them know that the reality of one in HIS position is one that is of a SERVANT and one that is HUMBLE and practice as a way of life discipline of his body.

**Chapter 10:** OKKKKK.... This is the chapter that precedes the chapter that we really are dealing with concerning understanding of the Communion and this Chapter is dealing with Israel's history which is key because this is what these baby believers were actually following in **chapter 11**. From this chapter we will be able to see that they were operating in a carnal state as Paul stated **chapter 3** of the letter by mixing the literal ordinances and practices from the old testament with the pagan Greek/Roman (as in Roman Catholicism, SELAH!!!) ordinances and practices. In these verses he is teaching that they should learn from the HISTORY of Israel and not so much do as they done in that they lusted **verse 6**, they were idolater's **verse 7**, fornicators' **verse 8**, tempters of CHRIST **verse 9**, and murmurers **verse 10**. So he is letting them know what happened to the church in the wilderness and that they have this to learn from that they are to be trained by it as a child is trained by instructions of his father. Now his main concern was expressed in **verse 14** which was idolatry, and based off of the following verses they were idolizing the others as in they just like that of the Israel of old wanted to be like the pagans and do as they do/done and apparently that is what they were doing when it came down to. Now if you read carefully you can see the error in what the local and catholic churches was doing and Paul calls this Idolatry. If we skip down to **verses 18-20**, here we see that Paul is talking about what Israel according to the flesh was doing in that they were sacrificing to idols and the things or the food and drinks that they war partaking of , so we see that this church was taking the practices of from the fleshly Israel and mixing it with the practices of gentiles by feasting with them and eating at their table and they offered their food up to idols and as such the church can't take this evil pagan practice and institute it under the guise of the Passover feast, better said Paul was telling them that you can't take something that's dirty and make it clean SELAH!!!. And this was the error of the practice of the continuance of keeping the Passover and this is explained in **verses 16-17**. Here Paul is explaining to them what the actual cup and bread is or

mean...he states that ...look here you babies the cup of blessing (the cup of Blessing in the literal Passover was always the 3<sup>rd</sup> cup and this is where the announcement/pronouncing of the BLESSING that CHRIST was going to bequeathed on the CHURCH HIS BODY, he says that this bequeathing which we give thanks communion (same word as used in [Chapter 1](#), it's the sharing of the contribution of) the BLOOD OF CHRIST? The cup we drink is the result of the death of CHRIST.... And then goes on to say that the bread that we break ...what is this???? He says it is the sharing or, contribution of, fellowship, unity of the BODY OF CHRIST? And in [verse 17](#) He states that we are ONE BREAD and ONE BODY for we are ALL PARTAKERS OF THAT ONE BREAD AND THAT ONE BREAD IS THE BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN THAT SPIRITUAL BREAD ...CHRIST... So in his explanation he is telling them that this blessing that we partake of is a result of what happens in CHRIST death or in the fulfillment of CHRIST being the true PASSOVER/SACRIFICIAL LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND THAT IS THAT WE HAVE A CONTINUAL COVERING THAT BRINGS US IN UNION WITH HIM AS WE ARE HIS CHURCH HIS BODY AND HE IS THE HEAD WE ARE ALL ONE THUS HE HAS FULFILLED THE COMMUNION IF YOU WILL. HE THEN GOES ON IN [VERSES 20-33](#) TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WHAT THEY WERE DOING WAS IN ERROR AND WHAT THEY WERE DOING IS JUST LIKE WHAT THE LOCAL CHURCHES ARE DOING AND THAT COMES FROM THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. In [verse 21](#) again he admonish them that you can't believe in CHRIST and not do what HE says you can't mix doctrines and you can't make HIS words to mean what you want in order that you can continue in the things that you want....(Christmas, Halloween, Easter, valentine's Day, etc...). See [2 Corinthians 6:14-17](#). We will end here for now and pick back up with the [Chapter 11](#) and tie this in and then we will do some history on the Passover taken from the Gospels back to the Old Testament in Exodus so we can fully see in the shadow why the Passover was instituted and how it points to CHRIST.

## CHAPTER 11

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FIRST THING WE MUST NOTE IS THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR PAUL'S WRITING IN THIS CHAPTER SPECIFICALLY [IN VERSES 3-16](#) IS TO SET THINGS IN ORDER CONCERNING THE WOMAN/WIFE CONDUCT/ROLE IN THE CHURCH/CONGREGATION/BODY OF CHRIST. AS WE GO THROUGH EACH OF THESE VERSES YOU WILL SEE THAT THIS IS THE CENTRAL FOCUS BUT IT BRINGS LIGHT IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, AT LEAST IT DID FOR ME SO I HOPE IT DOES FOR YOU! OK SO At the very start of this chapter gives us great insight as Paul starts off by saying in [verse 1](#): BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME AS I ALSO AM OF CHRIST. Here we see Paul setting the structure and the standard of this early and baby church by telling them ...instead of doing what you think is right or correct or FOLLOWING OTHERS and traditions without understanding (which was the case as read in context), he says don't do that....BUT be followers of me and as such YOU will be followers of CHRIST...he is saying that I am your example not yourself and DEFINITELY NOT OTHERS (heathens and pagans and even so called believer's that I am sure was [mixed](#) amongst them). Then in [verse 2](#) he says that HE PRAISE them to remember him or be in remembrance [of HIS Ways](#) because his Ways are in CHRIST ([see chapter 4 verse 17](#)); and to KEEP the ORDINANCES AS HE DELIVERS THEM TO YOU....obviously they were again following the ordinances of the culture of the

people or inhabitants of the ruling authority which was of GREEK traditions and that of the ordinances that were of the LAW, (which again CHRIST fulfilled the ordinances of the law, see **Colossians 2 verse 14**); in addition, because we see in the context of this writing especially in the previous chapter (chapter 10) that had not quite understood what and why ISRAEL through their customs and beliefs as the chosen of GOD were doing what they were doing, specifically they did not have the spiritual eyes to see what GOD was saying through the physical ISRAEL in the customs/traditions/ceremonies and ordinances that GOD instituted to the Church in the wilderness or the called out ones. Now starting with **verse 3 through verse 16**, we see that this Church were following the traditions/ordinances of the ISRAEL probably through reading of the scriptures (which would be old testament) as well as the traditions that they followed because surely within that congregation were JEWS who still held fast to the Jewish culture. Now, right off the bat **in verse 3**, he states “but I will have you know....” This gives way that they were of the mind set of something different then what it is he is about to tell them and of a different **mindset** then the actions taken or followed or spoken as a result of this mindset is NOT right or RIGHTEOUS or GOD’S WILL, etc.... So let’s see what it is that he is about to correct them on, he goes on to tell them WHAT it is that they should know and that is what or better said WHO is the head; bringing understanding that the HEAD is a who and not a what as in what the meaning of what and why the things that was done to the PHYSICAL head in the traditions and ordinances of ISRAEL represented; so obviously there was ALWAYS a SPIRITUAL undertone to the PHYSICAL LAW/ORDINANCES that were given in the scriptures (ordinances/law or old testament) and at the revelation of the CHRIST and GOD the FATHER finished work THROUGH JESUS, not only can we see the SPIRITUAL TRUTH IN THE LAW (ordinances) as HE IS the FULLFILLMENT OF THE LAW; BUT WE ALSO ARE BLESSED IN THAT HE HAS TAKEN AWAY THOSE PHYSICAL ORDINANCES. Thus again **in verses 3** TRUTH is that the head of a man is CHRIST and the head of a woman is Man and the HEAD of CHRIST is GOD; so as a secondary or a union in this understanding is one of an established order THE FATHER, CHRIST, Man and woman. Now this helps us to see what is not clear and clearly taught for that matter **in verse 4** which states “every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head” a lot of people look at this and think that a man should not pray or prophesy with any type of head covering on; this just reminds me of how when we pray we automatically take off our hats, especially that of men, whether it be at the saying of Grace at the dinner table, to our family prayers to that of corporate prayer in the Churches... BUT we already have the DEFINITION OF WHAT THE HEAD IS AND THAT IS CHRIST, **SO VERSE 4** IS SAYING THAT EVERY MAN PRAYING OR PROPHECYING HAVING CHRIST COVERED, DISHONOURS CHRIST; THE WORD COVERED IS A PREPOSITION WHICH MEANS IT IS RELATED TO THE WORD HEAD (CHRIST) AND IT MEANS A COMING DOWN A MOTION FROM THE HIGHER TO THE LOWER, BUT NOT JUST A MOTION IN DIRECTION BUT A DISFUSION AS IN WATERED DOWN!!! THUS COVERED MEANS TO BRING DOWN CHRIST AS OPPOSED TO LIFT HIM UP; TO MIX/DIFFUSE CHRIST WITH SELF – THE HIGHER WITH THE LOWER (SELAH); TO REASON THE WORD/AUTHORITY OF GOD AWAY: THUS THE SPIRITUAL CONTEXT: MEANING YOU CAN’T GIVE MESSAGES OUT OF THE BIBLE, YOU CAN ONLY PREACH CHRIST; YOU CAN’T TAKE THE WORD OF GOD AND MAKE IT SUPPORT YOUR MESSAGE; YOU CAN’T SUBSTITUTE THE PHYSICAL AS OF WORKS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE SPIRITUAL THAT OF (CHRIST); YOU CAN’T BUILD A MINISTRY BUT YOU CAN LABOR IN THE BODY OF CHRIST AS A MINISTER WHICH MEANS TO BE A SLAVE AND TO SERVE FOR TO BUILD YOUR MINISTRY IS TO BUILD THAT WHICH IS OF YOURSELF; IN SUMMARY YOU CAN’T TAKE CREDIT FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE; OR WATER DOWN THE AUTHORITY OF GOD, GOD’S MESSAGE,

TRUTH, THE WORD OF GOD, PREACH ANOTHER GOSPEL A PERVERSION AND THAT WE SEE BEING DONE DAILY!!!! NO ONE SHOULD PREACH TO GET GLORY SADLY THAT IS NOT THE CASE!! WHEN YOU COVER UP YOURSELF THAT MEANS YOU WANT TO BE SEEN! WHAT WE ARE TO DO IS TO UNCOVER OUR HEAD/AUTHORITY (WHO YOU CONSULTED WITH) AND GIVE GLORY UNTO CHRIST AS SUCH WE ARE IN HIS SET ORDER AND HIS ORDER CONFIRMS THAT WE ARE ONE WITH HIM ANYTHING ELSE IS NOT OF HIM FOR IT IS NOT OF THE ESTABLISHED ORDER OF GOD (SELAH!!!) AND THUS THE SAME THEME IS FOLLOWED **IN VERSE 5** FOR A WOMAN TO PRAY (NOT ASKING AND WISHING BUT SUBMITTING TO BY DOING GOD'S WILL) OR PROPHECY (SPEAK FOR ANOTHER IN THIS CASE SPEAK FOR GOD) WITH HER HEAD/MAN/AUTHORITY (CONSULTANT) UNCOVERED, again this is where we see the physical continued (old covenant) from that of the customs and traditions of a lot of the middle eastern cultures and even within our cultures but of those of the religion to that of the scriptures/law/old testament (Judaism, Islam, Muslim etc...) but again these ordinances and customs have been nailed to the cross by that of the revelation of THE GOSPEL (WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN CHRIST) AND THE NEW COVENANT THAT HE HAS BEQUEATHED OR BESTOWED ON HIS BODY (THE CHURCH/SPIRITUAL ISRAEL) SO NOW THE WOMAN WHO IN THOSE TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS DID NOT PRAY AND PROPHECY BUT NOW IN CHRIST THEY CAN; HOWEVER HERE THEY WERE MIXING THE LAW/ORDINANCES OF THE OLD COVENANT WITH THAT OF THE NEW COVENANT IN CHRIST; THAT YES THEY IN CHRIST CAN PROPHECY AND PRAY IN THE CHURCH; BUT THE ERROR WAS IN THE MIXING OF THEIR FREEDOM TO THAT OF THE BONDAGE OF THE OLD LETTER AS THEY WERE GIVING THE CREDIT AND THE GLORY TO THAT OF THE MAN/HUSBAND/TEACHER/PASTOR; WHICH IS THEIR HEAD/COVERING/AUTHORITY AND WHILE THE ORDER WAS CORRECT THE GLORY WAS NOT! HERE THE TRUTH IS NOTED THAT EVERY MAN AND WOMAN SHOULD HAVE A HEAD/AUTHORITY IF THEY ARE TO PRAY AND PROPHECY PUBLICALLY WITH/TO OTHERS AND GOD SAID THAT THE MAN/HUSBAND/TEACHER/PASTOR IS THE HEAD/AUTHORITY OF THE WOMAN; NOTICE THE ORDER OF GOD AS PREVIOUSLY STATED...SHE IS NOT TO BE THE HEAD/AUTHORITY OF MAN AS IN A MAN/HUSBAND THAT'S A BELIEVER ARE NOT TO BE PASTORED BY A THE WOMAN/WIFE (PASTOR MEANING BISHOP MEANING OVERSEER MEANING ONE IN CHARGE MANAGING THE FLOCK OF GOD; THAT'S WHY **1 TIMOTHY 3:2** **SAYS A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;** NOT A WIFE OF ONE HUSBAND, OK THAT'S ANOTHER STUDY). HOWEVER, GOD'S ESTABLISHED ORDER IS TO BE RECOGNIZED; REMEMBER... HIS order **in verse 3**...GOD THE HEAD OF CHRIST; CHRIST THE HEAD OF MAN; AND MAN THE HEAD OF WOMAN. THIS IS HOW GOD LEADS IN HIS BODY WHICH IS THE CHURCH – MEANING THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CONFIRMATION THROUGH A CONSULTING WITH...MAN WITH THE WORD OF GOD AND IN THIS CASE A WOMAN/WIFE WITH HER HUSBAND/TEACHER BEFORE HER PRAYING AND PROPHECYING (AND DON'T TRIP BECAUSE PRAYING DOES NOT MEAN WHAT YOU THINK, AGAIN ANOTHER STUDY) AND THAT WHEN SHE DOES SHE SHOULD COVER HER HEAD/MAN/HUSBAND/TEACHER/AUTHORITY AND GIVE GLORY TO CHRIST FOR HE WILL NOT SHARE HIS GLORY WITH ANOTHER!!! SELAH!!!; THUS SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU COVER UP THE MAN; CONSULT FOR CONFIRMATION SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW THAT IT IS OF GOD FOR THAT IS HIS SET ORDER HOWEVER, DO NOT GLORIFY HIM IN THIS TO YOURSELF, TO HIM AND ESPECIALLY NOT TO OTHERS FOR HE IS NOT AND SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT GIVE YOU THE UNDERSTANDING FOR HE IS GOD'S TOOL AS FOR CONFIRMATION BUT GOD IN CHRIST AS CHRIST IS IN YOU WOMAN IS THE SOURCE! DON'T MAKE PUT THE HUSBAND IN THE PLACE OF GOD! WE SEE SO MUCH OF THIS DONE IN THE



CHURCHES ESPECIALLY BY THAT OF THE WOMEN/WIVES HOW THAT THE PASTOR/TEACHER IS HELD IN SUCH ESTEEM AS IF HE IS GOD HIMSELF EVEN WIVES BEING OUT OF ORDER WHE THEY CONSULT AND CONFIRM WITH A PASTOR OVER THEIR OWN BELEIVING HUSBAND; THAT IS DISHONORING (SHAME, DISGRACE, FRUSTRATE, CONFUSION). FOR THAT BRINGS DISGRACE ON THE TEACHER/PASTOR, BRINGS FRUSTRATION ON YOUR HUSBAND THE HEAD, BRINGS SHAME ON YOURSELF AS THE WIFE, AND CONFUSION UPON THE FAMILY UNIT AND ALL IN THE BODY OF CHRIST THAT ARE BABES OR WEAK IN THE FAITH! (SELAH!!!). And he goes on to say that if a woman does this as in go around and say well my husband said or my teacher has said then she dishonors that man/husband and/or that teacher/pastor for it is a shame both on the authority or head and to the woman for man to be take the place of CHRIST and publically will NOT hold fast as in it would be false because again it is mixed or watered down or polluted AND THIS WILL BE SO SHAMEFUL THAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF A WOMAN WAS BALDHEADED (which is really not glorified in our wicked culture, although a lot of woman are doing it, but in their time and their culture a bald woman was not heard of. So this was used just to show again an analogy); BASCIALLY; the Woman/Wife should NOT prophesy or pray **WITHOUT** the CONFIRMATION IN CONSULTING of her HEAD/HUSBAND/PASTOR but at the same time the Prophecy and/or Prayer IS NOT OF HER HEAD/HUSBAND/PASTOR BUT FROM GOD and THIS IS THE ORDER FOR HER TO KNOW THAT IT IS ... **GOD WILL CONFIRM THE THING WITH HER HEAD/HUSBAND/PASTOR FOR HE CONFIRMS HIS WORD BY TWO OR MORE WITNESSES (THE WOMAN AND HER HEAD/THE MAN/HUSBAND/OR PASTOR AND THE MAN AND HIS HEAD CHRIST) THAT ALL MAY BE ONE!** GOD INSTITUTED THIS AS PROTECTION, A MAN/HUSBAND/PASTOR DOES NOT WANT HIS WIFE/FLOCK/CONGREGATION TO BE POLLUTTED, I KNOW I DON'T WANT MY FAMILY TO BE POISONED AS A MAN OF GOD! HE GOES ON IN **VERSE 6** using the physical traditions JUSTTTT for emphasis! For obviously they were acquainted with the customs and the traditions and the ordinances thus this verse accentuates the importance of a woman/wife being covered for the word covered in this verse is different from the word covered in **verse 4**. The word covered in **verse 4 is Strong's # 2596** and the word cover in **verse 6 is Strong's #2619**; while although similar; however, in this verse (6) it speaks more to that of a physical covering and it continues with the example he was noting at the end of **verse 5** about a woman being bald... and that is, **IN** their law as part of their customs/culture and traditions it was not permitted for a woman to be unveiled. Thus he was equating that the shame of being bald as he did in the previous verse it was just a continuation for emphasis again NOTING THE IMPORTANCE of a woman/wife being COVERED by using the physical (which was the types, patterns and shadows of the old testament but not the real thing) to give a SPIRITUAL TRUTH!

**NOW VERSE 7** IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE VERSES THAT CAN BE EASILY TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT FOR IT IS SO EASY TO READ LIKE THIS “....THE MAN IS THE GLORY OF GOD....????” AND I THINK IT IS TAUGHT THIS WAY AND I TOO HAD THIS AS MY UNDERSTANDING BUT NOW I SEE THAT IN CONTEXT PAUL STATES THAT “....MAN INDEED NO TO COVER HIS HEAD FOR AS MUCH AS HE..... HE MEANING WHO? THE MAN? WELL HE WAS TALKING BOUT MAN'S HEAD AND THE HEAD OF MAN; AGAIN WE GO BACK TO OUR GLOSSARY IN VERSE 3 IS WHAT? YESSSS!!! CHRIST !!!!! SO IN CONTEXT HE IS SAYING THAT CHRIST IS THE IMAGE AND GLORY OF GOD **(HEBREWS 1:1-3; JOHN 14:9; 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIAN 4:4; & COLOSSIANS 1:15)** AND THAT MAN SHOULD NOT COVER (WATER DOWN/MIX/POLLUT/OMMIT) HIS HEAD WHICH IS CHRIST AND CHRIST IS THE WORD OF GOD..... HE IS SAYING THAT YOU MAN DON'T WANT OR

SHOULDN'T CONCEAL GOD'S MIND OR TAKE THE RECOGNITION OF CHRIST (THE MIND OF GOD REVEALED) AND AS SUCH LIKEWISE WOMAN IS THE GLORY OF MAN SO KNOWING THIS YOU WOMAN NEED TO COVER THE MAN AND NOT PRAY AND PROPHECY WITH YOUR HEAD (HUSBAND/PASTOR) UNCOVERED AS IN TO BE SEEN AS THE MANTLE OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING/REVELATION FOR ALTHOUGH THE ORDER OF GOD IS THROUGH HIM FND WE KNOW THAT IS FOR CONSULTATION UNTO CONFIRMATION; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT HIM BUT GOD IN HIM. NOW FOR SOME REASON SOME WOMEN/WIVES ARE OFEENDED BY THIS AND FELL TO SEE THAT THE BLESSINGS AND MERCY OF YAHWEH PUTS THE RESPONSIBILITY ON THE MAN...FOR HE IS TO BE THE PROVIDER OF THE SPIRITUAL FOOD AND THE PROTECTOR OF THAT IN WHICH SHE HAS OR IS RECEIVING/EATING ... SELAH!!! HE IS TO BE HER SHEPARD THUS RESPONSIBLE FOR IF SHE IS DAMAGED OR POISONED! NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND...GOD HAS SET A HEDGE AROUND YOU WOMEN AND WIVES IT'S CALLED A HUSBAND and for women that are singled and are believer's you have what we all have which are part of the GIFTS GIVEN TO THE BODY which in this context falls in the realm of a Pastor/Teacher. Now since we are here I would like to take a quick shift into the roles of husband and wife for it seems to be SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND disharmony in what and how WE may look at it as ONE oppose to the OTHER. A HUSBAND IS ONE WHO SURROUNDS HE IS A CARE TAKER A GARDNER. I LOOKED THIS UP AND THOUGHT I WOULD SHARE SOME FOOD INFORMATION THAT I FOUND and this is something that you can take and meditate on and within your marriage see if you both agree to these biblical views this is taken out of the Bakers Evangelistic Dictionary:

*The husband is to assume headship/leadership ( 1 Cor 11:3 ; Eph 5:23 ). The normal meaning of biblical headship is leadership with authority, as exemplified in Christ (cf. 1 Cor 11:1-10 ; Eph 1:22 ; 4:15 ; 5:23 ). Headship is a benevolent responsibility without disdainful condescension and patronizing of the woman (cf. Matt 7:12 ; Luke 22:26 ; 1 Peter 3:7 ). Although the husband leads as Christ leads the church, the husband does not have all the rights and authority of Christ. **He leads his wife toward dependence upon Christ, not upon himself,** for all human leaders are fallible. The husband leads like Christ, being considerate of his wife with respect and **knowledge.** He considers the ideas of those he leads, because they may be better than his own. Leadership's goal is not to show the leader's superiority, but to elicit all the strengths of people for the desired objective. **Headship is not male domination, harshness, oppression, and reactionary negativism (cf. 2 Cor 1:24 ; Eph 5:29 ; Col 3:19 ), for "no one ever hated his own body."***

*Leadership assumes the responsibility to initiate and implement spiritual and moral planning for a family. Others, however, should also think, plan, initiate, and give input. **The husband, however, must accept the burden of making the final choice in times of disagreement, although seldom should this be needed.***

***The husband's leadership and its authority is a God-given responsibility to be carried out in humility.** Inappropriate use of leadership should be curbed by the unique intimacy and union implied in the phrases **"one flesh," "no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it," and "joint heirs of the grace of life" ( Eph 5:29-31 ; 1 Peter 3:7 ).***

The husband leads with an attitude of love. Christ's love for the church provides the model ( [Eph 5:25-33](#) ; [Col 3:19](#) ). The husband loves his wife as he would his own body ( [Eph 5:25](#) ), nourishing and cherishing her (v. 29). He gives himself sacrificially for her benefit as Christ sacrificially loved the church. Such love rules out treating his wife like a child or servant; rather he assists her to be a "fellow-heir."

The husband is to treat his wife with respect and considerateness ( [1 Peter 3:7](#) ). The husband **bestows** honor upon his wife. He always shows respect for her privately and in public.

The husband appropriately provides for and protects his wife. This does not mean that the wife cannot assist in supporting the family, for Proverbs 31 demonstrates that a godly wife may surely do so. The husband should always be willing to suffer for her safety.

The wife submits to her husband's headship ( [Eph 5:21-24](#) ; [Col 3:18](#) ; [1 Peter 3:1-6](#) ). Submission's basic meaning is "to submit or subordinate to a higher authority." It is a predisposition to yield to the husband's leadership and a willingness to follow his authority. The husband does not command the wife to do this. The verb implies that she does this voluntarily. Submission does not imply that the wife is inferior, less intelligent, or less competent. Christ submitted to the Father but was not inferior or less God than the Father ( [1 Cor 11:3](#) ; [15:28](#) ). Submission does not indicate that the wife puts her husband in the place of Christ. Christ is supreme in all things! The submissive wife does not give up independent thought. Believing wives with unbelieving husbands think independently, while still submitting to their husbands ( [1 Cor 7:13-14](#) ). She might seek to influence her husband for right and to guide him in righteousness ( [1 Peter 3:1-2](#) ). Submission never signifies that a wife gives in to her husband's every demand. If demands are unrighteous, she submits to her higher authority, Jesus.

A wife submits to her own husband. Relationships with other men are different in areas of submission and leadership.

Some feel that Ephesians 5:21 argues that the husband and wife are equally submissive. In its context the best understanding sees this verse as an introduction to three particular areas where people are submissive to one another: wives to husbands (vv. 22-33); children to parents ( [6:1-4](#) ); and servants to masters ( [6:5-9](#) ). Mutual submissiveness does not fit the latter two categories.

A wife should submit with an attitude of honor, reverence, and respect ( [Psalm 45:11](#) ; [Eph 5:33](#) ). A wife affirms and nurtures her husband's leadership. She submits in the same manner that she and the church submit to Christ ( [1 Peter 3:6](#) ). This analogy provides a good gauge. The wife demonstrates a gentle and quiet spirit ( [1 Peter 3:4](#) ), not demanding her own way or insisting on her rights. A wife's respect is primarily for the role of leadership that her husband occupies, not necessarily for his

**merits, though that would be the ideal. She recognizes the God-given leadership with regard and deference.**

OK now with that extra piece in there lets return back to the study, **verses 8 THROUGH 13** is speaking to that of GOD's order AGAIN RE-EMPHASIZING THE ORDER OF GOD WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THAT OF MAN AND WOMAN AND THIS WAS OF NO DOUBT TO BRING BACK INTO ALIGNMENT THE CHAOS OF WHAT WAS BEING REPORTED IN THIS CHURCH. I am sure that there WERE some women/wives WITHIN THE FOLD THAT were publically desiring to Shepard/Pastor and/or dispute the understanding of the leadership OF THE CHURCH OR EVEN UNDERMIND AND BRING DIVISIONS WITHIN THE CONGREGATION and even in their homes with their husbands.....yesss....we definitely see a lot of that today, again women/wives pray and prophesy and even teach and this is supported by scriptures both old and new yet they are not **called** to **bear** the **BURDEN** of Pastoring/Managing a FLOCK for GOD nor exercise SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY over the Man/Husband/Pastor/teacher. So Paul is using scripture here to confirm this within this baby Church in these two verses by reminding them of HIS ORDER of CREATION (OF HOW & FOR WHOM) (**see Genesis 2: 18 AND 21-23**). AGAIN, THE MAIN REASON FOR PAUL'S WRITING IN THIS CHAPTER SPECIFICALLY IN **VERSES 3-16** IS TO SET THINGS IN ORDER CONCERNING THE WOMAN/WIFE CONDUCT ROLE IN THE CHURCH/CONGREGATION AND BODY OF CHRIST AND ALSO TO GIVE CORRECTIONS TO THEN MEN/HUSBANDS WHO AGAIN WERE OF NO DOUBT HOLDING THEIR WIVES/WOMAN AS THAT OF A SERVANT WHICH IS IN ACCORD WITH THE TRADITIONS AS HELD IN THE JEWISH CULTURE FROM THAT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT/SCRIPTURES AS THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO LEARN FROM THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL BUT IN ERROR BECAUSE THEIR UNDERSTANDING WAS WITHOUT THAT OF THE FULFILLMENT OF CHRIST IN THAT HE HAS GIVEN THE ANNOINTING TO ALL WOMEN AND MEN ALIKE THUS HIS STATEMENTS IN **VERSES 11-12 (SEE GALATIANS 3:28)**

**VERSE 10** – ANGELS HERE IS A MESSGENDER AND A MESSENGER IS THE PREACHERS OF THE CHURCH WHOEVER BRINGS A MESSAGE OF GOD IS AN ANGEL ACTUALLY IN THE EARLY CHURCH A PREACHER OF THE CHURCH WAS KNOWN AS AN ANGEL. SO HE IS SAYING HERE THAT A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE HER HEAD COVERED OR BE IN THE ORDER OF GOD. MAN IS NOT TO FOLLOW THE WOMAN/WIFE PER **VERSE 9**. THIS IS WHAT THE PREACHER/PASTOR WOULD EXPECT WHEN THEY CAME TO PREACH...THIS IS THE ORDER OF GOD AND HAS POWER FOR THE ATMOSPHERE FOR WHICH A PREACHER/MESSENGER/ANGEL COMES TO PREACH.

**NOW CONCERNING VERSES 14-16**, this is real interesting for many people look at these verses and make them the whole context of the other verses and take this literally as my mom use to use this against me all the time when I had dread locks; she would say that “..the bible says that men are not to have long hair...lol and she would use **verse 14**. FIRST THE WORD NATURE IN THIS VERSE MEANS LINEAGE AS IN ANCESTORY. THEIR ANCESTORY DIDN'T DO THIS.... SO THEY WERE FOLLOWING THE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF THE PAGAN AND HEATHEN IDOL WORSHIP IT WAS PROBABLY A COLLUSION FROM THE MIXTURE OF CULTURES OF THAT CITY AND TIME; FOR IT WAS KNOWN THAT IN THOSE DAYS OF OLD THAT THE PAGANS WOULD CUT OR DRESSED THEIR HAIR IN WORSHIPPING THEIR GODS....IT IS KNOWN THAT THE ASSYRIAN AND THE BABYLONIANS WORE THEIR HAIR IN TRUSSES OR BRAIDS OR CURLSSSS....(SELAH) IN ADORNMENT TO THEIR GOD (LOOK IT UP). But this IS NOT TALKING

ABOUT HAIR AGAIN HAIR IS USED AS A METAPHOR...THIS IS TALKING ABOUT THE SHADOW AS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THAT OF A NAZARITE WHICH MEANS TO BE SEPARATED UNTO...A NAZARITE WAS ONE THAT WAS SEPARATED UNTO GOD AND ONE OF THE OUTWARD OR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF A NAZARITE WHAT THAT OF HIS HAIR BEING LONG LIKE THAT OF SAMPSON; ACTUALLY SAMPSON WAS ADORNING HIS HAIR TO MAKE HIMSELF APPEALING TO THE PHILISTINE WOMEN; SO HE WAS COVERING HIS HEAD WITH SELF! SO PAUL IS NOT TALKING ABOUT HIS HAIR BEING LONG ACTUALLY IN **VERSE 14** THE WORD LONG DOESN'T MEAN LONG AS IN GROWTH IT IS ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT THAT OF DECORATING OR AS IN ADORNING OF THE HAIR. THE WORD LONG IS A VERB AND IT IS PRESENT TENSE ACTIVE VOICE....SO IT CAN'T READ THAT THE MAN IS LONGING HIS HAIR.....LIKE HE CAN JUST LONG HIS HAIR AT WILL.... THE HAIR WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE CROWN OR GLORY OF ONE WHO WAS SEPARATED UNTO GOD AND THEY WOULD GET PUFFED UP BY THIS AND BEGIN TO **ADORN THE HAIR** SO IN THIS TEXT IT IS TALKING ABOUT IT'S A SHAME FOR A MAN TO BE ADORNING HIS HAIR OR DECORATING IT..... THE TYPE AND SHADOW HERE IS THAT OF A NAZARITE; PAUL IS SAYING THAT WE ARE SPIRITUAL NAZARITES AND THAT OUR ADORNMENT OUR DECORATION OUR CROWN OR GLORY IS CHRIST; NOTICE WHEN SAMPSON HAD HIS LOCKS SHAVEN IT WAS THE SIGN THAT THE GLORY OF GOD HAD DEPARTED. THIS TOO IS ANOTHER STUDY!

AND **VERSE 16** PRETTY MUCH SUMS IT UP...WE HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOMS NEITHER DO THE CHURCHES OF GOD! THESE PHYSICAL CUSTOMS WE DO NOT ADHERE TO; CHRIST HAS FULLFILLED THEM ALL IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION! THE GOSPEL!!!!

OKAY WE ARE FINALLY HERE WE ARE AT THE MEAT OF THE STUDY... SO ALL THIS IS TO BRING UNDERSTANDING TO WHAT WAS GOING ON IN **VERSES 17-34** AND NOW WE SHOULD SEE THAT OBVIOUSLY THE CONTEXT OF THE LETTER WAS TO BRING CORRECTION, REPROOF TO BRING THE SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING TO THAT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND TO SHOW THEM THAT THE FOLLOWING OF THE CUSTOMS.TRADITIONS/ORDINANCES CONTAINED IN THE LAW OR IN THE JEWISH CULTURE WAS JUST A TYPE IN SHADOW! WE WILL HIT THIS ON NEXT WEEK!