

What Saith the Law?

1 Cor. 14:33-38

Although the context of the passage is addressing a woman's proper conduct "in the churches," it is not the primary consideration on which we would like to focus. However, what Paul did teach, in this text, he taught "in all the churches of the saints."

There are three statements Paul made that lay a foundation for the subject of this writing: 1) "as also saith the law" 2) "What? was it from you that the word of God went forth? Or came it unto you alone?" 3) "the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord." 4) "But if any man is ignorant, let him be ignorant."

"...as also saith the law": The apostle Paul was not revealing something that was not previously substantiated in the law. Paul elaborated on this principle, saying, "But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness. For Adam was first formed, then Eve; and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression" (1 Tim. 2:12-14). Why the restrictions? 1) "Adam was first formed." 2) "Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression." Paul was adamant in the authorization of his apostleship, as an ambassador of Christ, saying, "We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us..." (2 Cor. 5:20), and "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16). Paul was an ambassador, i.e., *An ambassador is an official representative of a king or government*. Individuals in our time are not *official representative(s) of a king*. Whether it be preachers, elders, or saints, all are bound by the scriptures for the source of their "message" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

When men reject the plain instruction of the scriptures and use unscriptural rhetoric, such as, "I don't see anything wrong with it"; "it seems to me"; "the way I see it," they would do well to remember the admonition of Solomon, saying, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). ret