

Mis-Understanding

The way
culture views
christianity.

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

Is Christianity Anti-Women?

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you. But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head - it is the same as having her head shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head.

A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels. Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice - nor do the churches of God.

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Observations from 1 Corinthians 11

1. The Bible affirms public ministry for women.

"Martha, Martha... Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42

...had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

Luke 10:39

I do not permit a woman to teach or exercise authority over men.

1 Timothy 2:12

2. Women and men are equally called and mutually interdependent.

Greek word for head = kephalē. Most often used to mean “source.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:27-28

3. Women and men are to treat one another with great dignity.

...woman is the glory [reflection] of man.

1 Corinthians 11:7

...neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

1 Corinthians 11:9

“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:18

We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

Psalms 33:20

“Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

Genesis 3:16

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:22

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:4

In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:4

Because of this the woman ought to have authority upon the head, because of the angels.

1 Corinthians 11:10 (word for word from the Greek)

So a woman should wear a head covering upon her head as a sign that she is under a man’s authority, a fact for all of the angels to notice and rejoice in.

1 Corinthians 11:10 (Living Letters Translation)