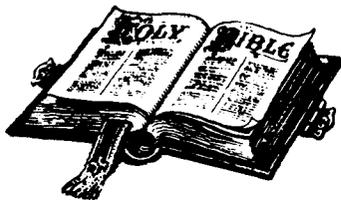


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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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GRACE AND WHAT IT DOES

Although there are some things that **grace does not do** (as we showed in an article entitled "GRACE AND WHAT IT DOES NOT DO" in the last issue of THE INSTRUCTOR), there are a number of things that **grace DOES**. We should be grateful to God for the things that His **grace DOES**. Here are some of the things that **grace DOES**.

1. **GRACE ABOUND!** Paul declared that ". . . where sin abounded, grace did much more abound . . ." (Romans 5:20). To the question: "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?", Paul replied: "God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2). In addressing saints at Corinth Paul also declared: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Yes, grace abounds! We rejoice because God's grace provides so many wonderful blessings for us — and others!

2. **GRACE REIGNS THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS!** Romans 5:20-21 says ". . . But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through

righteousness unto eternal life by **Jesus Christ our Lord.**"

NOTE: Grace does **not** reign through **sin** or **error** but grace reigns through **righteousness!**

3. **GRACE BRINGS SALVATION!** In writing to Titus Paul said: "For the **grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.**" (Titus 2:11). Neither man's wisdom nor man's grace brings salvation. It is brought by the grace of God! Salvation is of God! **God's grace makes salvation possible!**

4. **GRACE JUSTIFIES US!** In Romans 3:24 Paul declared: "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." In Titus 3:7 he said: "That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Justification is **not** by man's wisdom nor by man's grace. It is **by the grace of God!** NOTE: Of course, justification by grace is **conditional**. God gives the conditions and man **must** comply with those conditions!

5. **GRACE SAVES US!** To saints at Ephesus Paul declared: ". . . **by grace ye are saved . . .**" and ". . . **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest**

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Editorial . . .

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1-16

[Editor's note: The following is basically a brief study of 1 Cor. 11:1-16 which I printed in tract form more than 30 years ago.]

Please get your Bible and turn to 1 Cor. 11:1-16 and read carefully what Paul has written. Forget about what you might want the Bible to teach and study very carefully and sincerely that you might understand what the apostle Paul is teaching. Please do not "laugh off" the teaching of God's Word in this passage. Divine inspiration has revealed it unto us.

In verse 1, Paul admonishes Christians to follow him as he followed Christ. In verse 2, Paul instructs Christians to "**keep the ordinances**" as he delivered them. This is not merely a matter of "custom," but of ordinance or tradition (see 2 Thess. 2:15) that Paul is giving. It is not a matter of pleasing self, but obeying God. (1 Thess. 2:4).

Paul shows in the text that a man ought not to **cover** his head while praying or prophesying forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God, is not of the woman, neither created for the woman. (Verses 7-9). If a man prays or prophesies with his head covered, he dishonors his head. (Verse 4). Is the covering mentioned here the hair or an artificial covering? If it is the hair, then only a bald-headed man could pray or prophesy without dishonoring Christ!

If I pray or prophesy with the covering mentioned here on my head, I dishonor Christ! If it is the hair, I must shave my head or else dishonor Christ while praying or prophesying! The inference in verse 4 is that a man may cover his head while not praying or prophesying, otherwise the expression "praying or prophesying" has no significance. So there is a covering that a man can put on while not praying or prophesying and take off while praying or prophesying. This could not possibly refer to the hair.

Now in contrast with a man's head not being covered while praying or prophesying, Paul shows in verse 5 that every woman that prays or prophesies with her head **uncovered**, dishonors her head, for that is the same as her being shaven. In verse 6 Paul says, "**If it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, LET HER BE COVERED.**" Paul shows in verse 15 that it is a **glory** for a **woman** to have **long hair**. The opposite of **glory** is **shame**. Therefore it is a **shame** for a **woman** to have **short hair**. Short hair is the result of being shorn or shaven. Therefore **it is a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven!** Since it is a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, Paul says in verse 6, "**Let her be covered.**" Paul further says, "**If the woman BE NOT COVERED, Let her ALSO be shorn.**" It is significant to notice here that Paul is referring to some kind of a covering **besides** the hair because he says, "**If she be not covered, let her ALSO be shorn.**" If the hair were the covering mentioned here, the woman would **already** be shorn, if not covered; therefore it would be impossible for her **also** to be shorn, like Paul suggests.

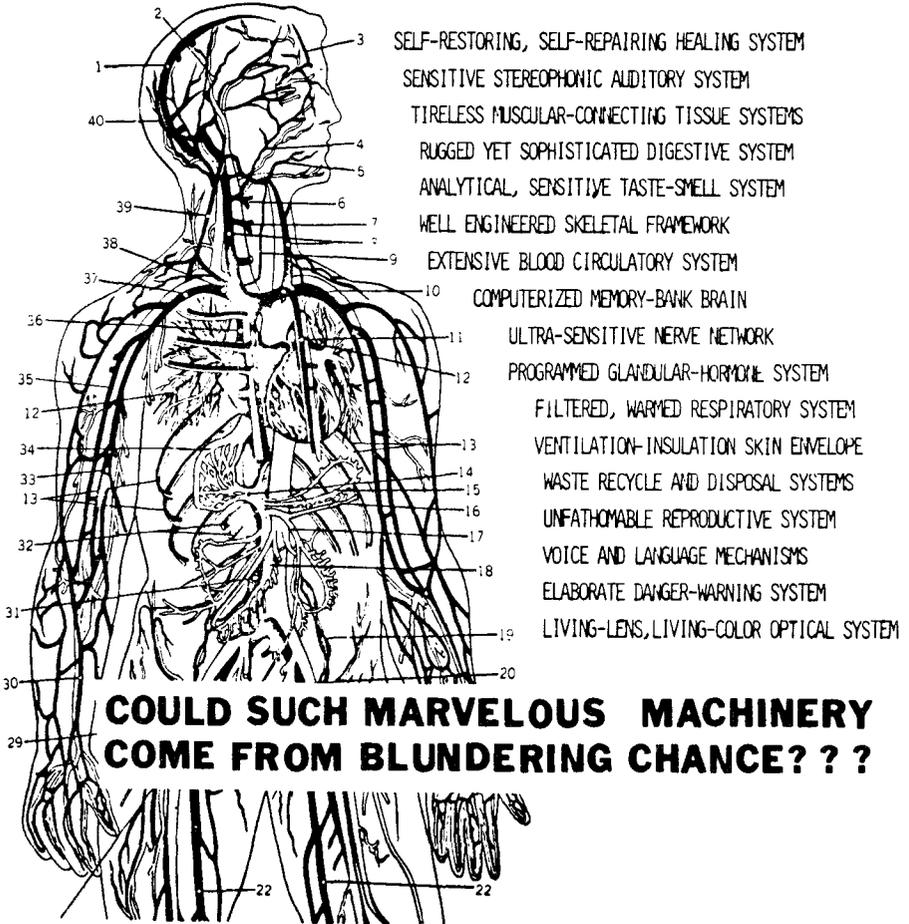
The expression "**with her head uncovered**" in verse 4 simple means "**bareheaded**" and is so rendered in a number of translations or versions.

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DID MAN JUST HAPPEN? OR MUST WE CONCLUDE THAT SUPREME INTELLIGENCE DESIGNED MAN!

PSALMS 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.



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Let us keep in mind also that whatever (in principle) a man takes off (verse 4) while praying or prophesying, OUGHT to be put on by the woman (verses 5-6) while praying or prophesying. The covering mentioned here is to be put on while praying or prophesying; **therefore it is not the hair!**

If it were the hair, the woman would have to be covered at **all times** and the expression while "praying or prophesying" would have no meaning.

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any man should boast." (Eph. 2:5, 8-9). Sinners are indeed saved by grace! It is not by grace automatically or unconditionally. **It is by grace through faith!** Salvation is **not "of"** ourselves, but it is the gift of God! It is **not** of works of which man could boast. It is **"by works"** that God's grace has designed and revealed. (See Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-10; James 2:24). Salvation is **not** of man's wisdom not of man's grace.

6. GRACE TEACHES US! Paul tells us that ". . . **the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching** us, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." (Titus 2:11-12).

NOTE: The grace of God that brings salvation the one who teaches us **what to do and how** to live. If we reject the instructions of God's grace, we reject the grace that brings salvation and the one who teaches. We have **"the word of His grace"** written in the Scriptures. (cf. Acts 20:32). Obviously, to be saved by grace **we must believe and obey the teaching of the grace of God!**

We who are truly Christians "believe that through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved . . ." (cf. Acts 15:11).

All of us should be content to accept what the grace of God teaches us through the Scriptures. If we go beyond the inspired revelation we are treading on dangerous ground!

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— SENTENCE SERMONS —

If you insist on all your "rights", you will infringe on the rights of others.

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Self-control is more important than self-expression - in many instances.

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To truly enjoy your blessings you must share them with others.

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It is easy to get rid of a bad habit **if** you will drop it.

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It is often very hard to keep up with "easy payments."

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