

Light and Life

“One Thing I Know”

“As Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth... He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.’ So, he went and washed and came back seeing” (Jn 9:1-7).

When a man who had been blind suddenly had the ability to see, his neighbors were astounded! When they asked him what had happened, he attributed the miracle to “a Man named Jesus” (Jn 9:11). Since the healing had taken place on the Sabbath day, the Pharisees took the man in for interrogation, seeking to punish the Healer. During the investigation, it seems that the formerly blind man’s perception of Jesus began to deepen. He first referred to his Healer as “a man called Jesus” (Jn 9:11), then as “a prophet” (Jn 9:17), then as a Man from God (Jn 9:33). Finally, after a conversation with Jesus, he confessed Jesus as the Son of God (Jn 9:38)! In all of this, the man had very little knowledge to operate with. Yet, his faith stood up to intense interrogation based on the “one thing” he knew for sure: “though I was blind, now I see” (Jn 9:25).

Christians often procrastinate in their duty to evangelize because of a lack of knowledge. Yet here was a man who only knew one thing – and of this one thing he was truly convicted! The Lord had healed his sight, and he was not shy about telling people about it. You don’t have to know much to tell people what Jesus has done for you – and that is as simple as evangelism can get!

This week let’s all try to apply the words of David: “Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul” (Ps. 66:16)!

- Sam Bunyard



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demanding equal rights? In the divine realm He had equality (Phil. 2: 6), but His function in our redemption demanded that He take a subordinate "place" for a time. Likewise, in the human realm, woman and man are equal before God (Gal. 3:28); equally considered in the scheme of redemption, and equally blessed eternally. But the woman has been given a functional position subject to man. This is degrading only to one who disregards God's right to assign functions. The principle ("the head of the woman is the man") of 1 Cor. 11:3, is applied in following verses to hairstyles. The styles themselves were "custom," something the Corinthians could "judge in themselves," as relative as "comely," and something dictated by "nature" (vv. 13-16). (NOT laws of physical nature, for this nature grows long hair on men as well as on women; but patterns of conduct established by general usage.) Detail of application will change, but not God's principle. The Christian woman today regards man as her head and conforms to "usage" that so indicates.

The principle ("the head of the woman is the man") is applied in 1 Cor. 14:26-40 to women in a public gathering of the church, where men prophets are speaking by the Spirit of God. She was to be "silent" (sigao) under such circumstances. In 1 Tim. 2:11-12 she is told to learn in "quietness" (hesuchia-see AS), a reference to the submissive attitude she must show. This word is also in v. 2, translated "peaceable" in KJ, "quiet" in AS. She is NOT to teach nor have dominion "over man," BUT to be in quietness. The NOT-BUT is a Greek form of the comparative degree (cf. Jn. 6:27, and 1 Pet. 3:3-4). We are not forbidden to work for material things, nor to wear apparel; BUT spiritual goals are more important, as is the inward adornment. The woman is not forbidden to teach — BUT the "quiet" spirit must prevail — she cannot have "man dominion." I find nothing here to restrict this teaching to "church assembly."

God exalts those who humbly serve in their assigned functions.



ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30
Morning Assembly 10:30
Evening Assembly 5:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

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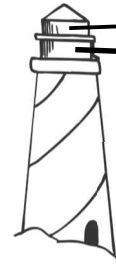
The Son of God became a man so that men could become sons of God.

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God's Word & the Role of Women

by Robert Turner

A reader writes, "Do the Scriptures regulate the place of women in modern society?"

God's word "regulates" those who believe and have the will to follow. Its rule is in the heart and is not forced upon anyone now – although all will answer to God in judgment (1 Cor. 5:12-13).

The applications of its principles are affected by current circumstances (1 Cor. 7:26). Under certain conditions it was best not to marry; but as a principle, "marriage is honorable in all" (Heb. 13:4). "Modest

apparel" is demanded of Christians as a principle; but this does not bind upon us the skirt lengths, hairstyles, or customs considered "modest" in the first century. Brethren, use your head for something more than a knob for hat or veil.

The "place" of women is clearly stated in 1 Cor. 11:3. "I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." Question: Is this degrading to Christ? Should He have formed a protest, *(cont. on page 3)*

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

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2024 EVENTS – Mar 10-13 (Don Truex mtg); Apr 19 (Stevens & Shepard singing); Jul 21-25 (PJ Anderson VBS); Aug 2-4 (Ben Hall Youth Lectures)

SENTENCE SERMON "Tis easier to keep holidays than commandments" (Ben Franklin) – which is why Christmas is more popular than Bible study!