

**General Topics :: is head covering literal or spiritual****is head covering literal or spiritual - posted by trueblue, on: 2014/6/23 2:09**

would love to know peoples thoughts on this..when scripture talks of a woman covering her head, do you think it refers to a veil or her husband.

Re: is head covering literal or spiritual - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/6/23 9:46

Greeting trueblue

I think if you do a search of the forum you will find there have been a lot of discussion on this topic over the years. I have actually learned a lot on this matter. For myself, I have prayed on this matter, and sought out other brothers in CHRIST as well as my husband. After much prayer and seeking the LORD I believe my husband is my covering. I have no issues with sisters who see things differently and wear the head covering. I am always thankful to see them being faithful to the things the LORD has shown them, as I do also.

God bless
mj

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/23 10:25

As sister shared there are many discussions on this in the past. Also we must first have grace for all and never judge and allow the freedom of each sister in this case.

I personally have found this simple short teaching on Head Covering by K.P. Yohannan in this small booklet to be the best on the subject. My wife does cover her head and believes it is literal.

(Pdf Book) Head Coverings by K.P. Yohannan
<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=25173>

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2014/6/23 12:55

My own best understanding is to take 1 Corinthians 11 literally on this. I also do not judge anyone who applies it as a figurative, husband as covering, or even Christ as covering, cultural statement. Personally I cannot honestly read it as culturally bound. My wife does not wear a head covering. I do not lead her to do that. She submits to me and to Christ. Her own honest view is that it is a spiritual covering by me and that literal coverings were cultural. I am content that she is not of a self-willed heart on the matter.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/23 14:20

But dolfan, what about the angels? ;)

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/23 16:16

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Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/6/23 16:38

by TMK on 2014/6/23 13:16:09

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Greetings TMK

I realize you probably meant this to be funny but if I may share with you it does come across a bit mocking of others. The truth is I know several sisters who dearly love the LORD and feel convicted wear the head covering. They do so with love in their heart for their husbands and the LORD JESUS. And sadly these same sister have to put up with being made fun of and even mocked by others from both the christian and non christian community.

Now you may think I am being sensitive and others might agree with you but on behalf of my sisters in CHRIST, I would just ask you to prayerfully consider before you post things like this. To you it may be a no big deal issue but for those of us who prayed about it, it matters a great deal.

Please consider what I have shared
God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/23 18:36

Hi MJ--

I didn't intend any offense. Just a little satire for what I believe to be a silly topic. Just my opinion of course.

This is a topic that has been discussed as infinitum here and elsewhere.

Some women choose to wear a head covering because they think scripture says so. Other women do not wear a head covering because they think scripture does NOT say so.

Both are right.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/23 18:37

I agree with sister, the tone of your comment was not charitable nor biblical, headcovering has never been a salvation issue. I recommend sisters and brothers to read this short booklet for a graceful biblical response to this subject:

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Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/23 21:51

I am not saying it is a salvation issue; it is a sin issue. If it is a sin to not wear a head covering then there are millions of unrepentant sinners in the church. Are unrepentant sinners saved? I would argue no, but I guess that is another discussion.

My point is that it is not a sin not to wear a head covering. But there are many persons who try to burden women with this requirement arguing that it is biblically required and a sin not to do so.

The only point I am trying to make is that it is not a sin to not wear a head covering and nobody has the right to say that it is.

Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2014/6/23 22:11

Can we not debate on this again.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/23 22:57

Quote:
-----The only point I am trying to make is that it is not a sin to not wear a head covering and nobody has the right to say that it is.

Thank you for clarifying this brother, your comment could have been taken the other way also. I am glad you shared that it is NOT a sin issue and especially not a salvation issue. It is a relationship issue and more of an issue also of the heart yet it is also something practical that can be obeyed.

It would be great for those interested to review the very short booklet on this subject by brother KP Yohannan it could stir very profitable discussion and considerations.

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Husbands cover your face - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/6/24 1:01

I believe that Head covering is a command given for women in Bible as a sign to angels. Hence there is no cultural aspect to it. Also there are very few such external commands given in New Covenant, hence we should be diligent in following them without asking questions.

I agree that it is not a salvation issue. Head covering is a sign that a woman submits to her husband. If a woman is honest and if she truly understood the meaning of biblical submission (not the modern feminist view) then she will acknowledge how challenging it is to submit. I am not saying it is impossible but it is truly challenging. Similarly in New Covenant it is written that Husbands should love their wife like how Christ loves his Church. Now anyone who understood the true love that Christ has for his Church then he will acknowledge how challenging it is for him to meet this standard in his married life. I acknowledge the challenge and I want God's grace and strength in this subject as much as possible to meet that standard.

Now if there was a command given to husbands like you should cover your face in Church as a symbol of your love for your wife then I will do it, no matter who follows it or not, I will follow it. I will not research and add cultural aspect to it. I will do it not because I fear that I will lose my salvation, but because I want to do all that I can to get his grace so that I can love my wife the way he wants me to love. I do not want my rebellion in this simple external command to stand in the way between me and God and prevent me from getting his Grace. Someone might argue that I am trying to earn his Grace, but God's word states that he gives his grace only to Humble and opposes the pride. The humble will obey the commands that they can keep immediately. Covering my face is a simple command that I can obey, to show God how much I need his grace in this matter of loving my wife. There is no such command for husbands in the Church.

So in my view a honest, humble and broken women who truly understood the biblical meaning of submission will cover her head in Church. There are those who do not know the truth or those who are misguided by Pastors saying that this is a cultural command. It is fine if they ignore out of ignorance, I pray that God will show them the truth.

But there are women who even after knowing the truth out of rebellion do not want to cover their head. For example in a Church run by one of the Son's of Zac Poonen in US, there was a study made on Head Covering. They did a detailed study looking into all aspect of it. By the end of the study those women in Ignorance got light and started covering their head in Church, but those rebellious one left the Church forcing their family to leave as well. No one forced them to cover, the truth was presented openly. Not many can accept the truth.

Re: Husbands cover your face - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/24 6:23

Sree-

In your opinion is it a sin for a woman not to cover her head in church- for example- those women that left the church you talked about? In your view are they unrepentant sinners?

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/6/24 8:56

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No I will not call it a sin. Head covering is not an issue of salvation. A woman can ignore this command out of ignorance or misguided by pastor. Those who left the Church after a detailed study was done did not do it in ignorance. It was rebellion for a simple command. I will call them unbroken people, I do not want to call them unsaved or unrepentant. A person needs to be broken to be of any use to God.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/6/24 9:10

Greetings Sree

I appreciate your sharing what you feel the LORD showing you on this topic. I don't believe wearing the head covering is a salvation issue either. I have studied this matter, I have prayed about it, and so has my husband. After much seeking my husband has told me he does not believe I am to wear a literal head cover. I have spoken to other brothers and sisters in CHRIST as well and they have no such custom as to require a head cover. I do not believe I am in rebellion to my husband by not wearing a head cover since he is the head of our family and has sought the LORD on this topic. I also do not believe I am acting in ignorance of what the BIBLE says on the matter.

Again thank you for sharing this here with us.

God Bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/6/24 10:02

MJ, I appreciate your response. Paul advises sisters to consult their husband on spiritual questions. You did right by seeking his opinion. I do not want anyone here who read my post to change just because I said so. I do not want to be a stumbling block to anyone. Even though what I said is truth, if someone just follows blindly after reading my post without getting a personal conviction then the covering will always be a burden to them. I just expressed my view. I do not want to Judge anyone here.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/6/24 11:06

I believe there are good arguments on both sides of this debate. I lean toward the view of the literal covering being a cultural issue, and for women today a matter of obeying the spirit of it and not the letter.

I looked at Matthew Henry's commentary on it and found it very interesting. Here is the link to it in case anyone is interested:

<http://www.ewordtoday.com/comments/1corinthians/mh/1corinthians11.htm>

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/24 11:13

Sree wrote:

"It was rebellion for a simple command"

But you also said you would not call them unrepentant.

If rebellion is not unrepentance then what is?

This is a matter where there is freedom. A woman who does not wear a head covering is not in rebellion. A woman who feels they should wear one should wear one.

When you use words like rebellion the suggestion is that the woman not covering her head is sinning. You might think that but you should keep that to yourself so you do not burden with other women with your thoughts on the matter.

I honestly think The Lord just shakes his head over these discussions.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/6/24 12:21

Respectfully, if those on the side of literal head coverings are right, it most definitely is a sin issue and women not wearing them are indeed sinning. And even on the other hand if those on the side of not wearing one are right it can still be a sin issue in that those wearing a covering may be placing an unnecessary burden on others. But it is not a "sin issue" over which there should be any kind of division.

I would compare this with other "sin issues" such as gluttony or smoking cigarettes. These things are sins but those involved with them may not have enough light or conviction of the Holy Spirit on them yet. The Lord may still be working on believers regarding these things and there needs to be room for growth in these areas.

In some form or another we all sin sort of unknowingly at times. Some of us may drink too much coffee, some may watch too much TV, some may work too much, etc. We must discern what essential sin issues are and what sin issues not worth dividing or arguing over are.

Re: - posted by followthelamb, on: 2014/6/24 12:59

As to the original question posted, church history bears witness that these verses are speaking unequivocally of an actual physical covering, a symbol that can be seen by men and angels. It was the practice of the vast majority of Christian women until the 20th century.

Re: - posted by followthelamb, on: 2014/6/24 13:05

"On the night of the Passover, the Jewish people in Egypt were told to put a symbol on their door post, marking it with the blood of the slain lamb. When the angel of death saw it, he passed over the house, leaving it in peace.

Now suppose a family had said, "Who cares? It's just a symbol. Besides, we are children of Israel and God knows our hearts and our family lineage; He knows we are not Egyptians." Surely they would have fallen under the same awful judgment the Egyptians faced.

Symbols are important to God, and following them puts things into play in the spiritual world....because it is a symbol instituted by God, it makes a loud statement in the spiritual world. The Enemy and flesh oppose the acknowledgment of God's authority and government.

Think about it objectively: How difficult is it to put something on your head? People do it for fashion all the time! It's most ridiculous to consider how simple an act could possibly cause such conflict. This struggle is not over the physical a

act of putting something on your head, but for the impact that is made in the spiritual world.

Some in the Corinthian church had difficulty comprehending the depths of this holy tradition. They struggled with the idea of it, probably not even aware of the true reasons for their inward reluctance....The question was, Would they obey or disobey?

The believers at Corinth did choose to submit to this teaching, for Tertullian, an early church father, writes more than 200 years later that the Corinthian women were wearing head coverings. History further shows us that the issue of women not wearing head coverings did not resurface again until the middle of the 20th century, when the seeds of thought from liberal theology and higher criticism bore their fruit in this doctrine."

- K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/6/24 13:15

I hope and pray while we are all here splitting hairs over Bible theology, some warriors are out trying to bring in the lost sheep. But we should be rejoicing, this is exactly what the Bible says will happen in the last days, Praise Jesus!

Re: - posted by followthelamb, on: 2014/6/24 13:16

The quote below and in previous post are from the small booklet to which my husband posted a link. It is the most balanced, loving teaching I've read on this subject, but it does not compromise with the spirit of this age. May the Lamb of God be glorified and may we love one another as He loved us.

"the Enemy would love to have us major on a doctrine such as this and have us ignore the weightier matters of the faith just as Jesus pointed out to the Pharisees in Matthew 23:23. This is a doctrine that may seem small and insignificant, yet it is still important. I don't believe the Enemy would oppose it so strongly if it were not.

Wearing a head covering is biblical, and as with all New Testament instructions, it is to be taught and obeyed. However, it must not become a source of division and disunity in the Body of Christ.

Let us seek the Lord and His Word with open hearts. May God create within us a deep hunger to be His completely, for time and eternity."

- K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/24 14:25

Here is John MacArthur's take:

"As with meat that had been offered to idols, there was nothing in the wearing or not wearing of the head covering itself that was right or wrong. It is the rebellion against God's ordained roles that is wrong, and in Corinth that rebellion was demonstrated by women praying and prophesying with their heads uncovered.

Dress is largely cultural and, unless what a person wears is immodest or sexually suggestive, it has no moral or spiritual significance. Throughout biblical times, as in many parts of the world today, both men and women wore some type of robe. But there always were some clear distinctions of dress between men and women, most often indicated by hair length and head coverings.

It is the principle of women's subordination to men, not the particular mark or symbol of that subordination, that Paul is teaching in this passage. The apostle is not laying down a universal principle that Christian women should always worship with their heads covered."

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/6/24 14:42

TMK, you are just peddling with my words. I have clarified my views here clearly. I do not want to generalize and say that all women who do not cover their head are sinning or rebellious. There are those who do not cover out of ignorance. There are those who do not cover out of being misguided. I do not consider these as sinners. Most pastors misguide their congregation in this matter because they do not want to lose count of people by holding the truth. But God's judgment is very clear on those who teach others to ignore even a small commandment of God.

Those whom I called rebellious are those who heard the truth clearly and still rebels against it. I do not want to judge them as sinners or unrepentant. Let God be their judge. The word rebellious is good enough. No more clarification is needed.

Quote:

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Please go ahead and read my posts again. I have clearly mentioned that I do not want any women to cover her head because I said so. Also no where did I try to put the biblical truth behind covering (because that will lead to arguments by those who have no respect for biblical truth). I only said from the perspective of receiving grace in submission by being humble and obeying a doable command from God. I do not believe it will be stumbling block to anyone. Humility should never be a burden to a born again women.

I am a man who measures his words.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/6/24 14:46

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And in 20th century the culture for angels did not change suddenly. What happened here was the feminist movement was born. Women started questioning submission and it started with the symbol of submission.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/24 16:11

I kind of like it when women wear hats. I have memories of my grandmother wearing a hat to church.

I told my wife that she needed to wear a hat to church to demonstrate her submission to me and she told me to shut up and mind my own business.

Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2014/6/24 17:58

I read that book. It was very clearly written. I will definitely be holding on to this and using it as my first response when I am asked this question. Thanks for posting!

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/6/24 18:06

Sadly, this reminds me of all the threads that get shut down because eventually these discussions move to, "The 'Lord' s howed me...." which is incognito for: obviously you're not listening because if you were...(fill in the blank with whatever). Same as the pre-trib/post-trib threads.

If you want to wear a head-covering, by all means wear them!! I don't wear them and I'm ok with not defending why I do n't and I know the Lord loves all of us where we are at!

God bless you all trying to figure this out,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2014/6/24 18:11

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Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/6/24 18:35

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Yes! and sometimes I wonder if some are debating to vent, or relieve some stress in their life. Using Gods word to do su ch, would not seem proper to me, but maybe it is. I know I have personally burn a lot of calories reading these debates. :)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/24 18:45

Saints,

Discussing this topic should not be considered debating. Making those who raise the discussion around this scripture to be legalists or imposing on others "freedom in christ" or other things is wrong and one actual cause of threads like this to turn into debates.

We ask saints to contribute to this thread if they are able to "charitably" in love contribute. If you disagree and cannot do so with charity and rather just have sarcastic remarks then that will never help saints even if one is right that headcoveri ngs is not biblical.

We encourage saints to prayerfully review this small booklet who are interested and contribute in love to this thread.

Almost all denominations practiced headcoverings throughout the 1950 years of Christianity. Just in the last 50 there ha s been a departure. (that is a fact). And today in North America less then 10% follow head-covering. (so they are a minor ity and not very focal, so let us be open to hearing them).

So even if we disagree we have to disagree humbly because most of church history is not behind our conclusion.

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Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/6/24 19:03

brothers and sisters, these things are matters that can and should be discussed, but with a spirit of charity from both sides. We are dealing with a passage of Scripture which at face value seems to prescribe literal head coverings for women and some take it literally while others don't. It is a reasonable discussion among Christians. We should not look down upon believers who want to respectfully discuss these things in order to try to come to a proper biblical view point, or to respectfully share their views on it. The Lord is at work in our lives in various ways showing us different things through His Word and we cannot expect for all of us to have equal interests in topics.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/24 20:11

There is no doubt that the scripture DOES prescribe LITERAL head coverings. For a certain church. 2000 years ago.

Ample reason from different respected Bible teachers have been given why this was a culture specific command. I just checked and John Piper feels it was a command for that specific culture although the principle of submission stands today. No one, at least not me, is debating this.

I apologize for trying to throw some humor into this discussion, but the reason I do so is that this discussion cannot be resolved. Why cannot we all agree that there is freedom in this area and not condemn women who do not wear them.

I really think the thread should be locked as nothing fruitful can come of it. It has already made me type things I now regret.

By the way, in case you were wondering, I was just kidding about my wife. She actually wore head coverings when she was in Catholic school. If she forgot her fancy lace doily head cover, the nuns told her to grab a kleenex and 2 bobby pins. She said she had to resort to this on many occasions.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/24 21:04

Brother,

To be honest your prior comment you made (the poem) of people saying that if they do not wear headcovering are going to hell was very harsh and wrong to even post something like that in the forums. It could be hurtful to both those who do not and those who "do" wear headcoverings.

If we took away any of those overly critical comments it has been a very helpful good thread for saints. May we see this continue and allow reasonable godly responses to the first poster that started the thread with the question.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/24 22:25

"Satire:

1. the use of irony, sarcasm, or ridicule in exposing, denouncing, or deriding vice, folly, etc."

The limerick was pure satire. It was so outrageous that it would be hard for me to imagine that someone would think I was being serious.

Just to clarify, I do not believe that a woman who does not wear a head covering is going to burn in hell. Some people might (thus the reason for my bit is satire) but I certainly do not.

So we have MacArthur, Piper, and Chuck Smith on one side and Yohannan and Poonen on the other. I respect all these men. Can't we just call it a draw and move on?

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Re: - posted by romanchog (), on: 2014/6/24 23:58

Reading all these posts on this issue (again) made me think of the verse:

"God looks at the heart, man at the outward appearance."

I do think that most of those commenting have been gracious in discussing this.

Re: is head covering literal or spiritual - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/6/25 0:22

To Greg and his wife,

It was not my intent to offend you with my opinion, because that is all it is, my opinion. As I don't want to feel less, I definitely do not want you to feel less because you do believe in head-coverings. I believe in freedom!

In the last years of Derek Prince's life, his second wife was a woman who believed in and wore head-coverings but what amazes me (personally) is that through downloading and purchasing hundreds of his sermons, I have never heard one sermon on the topic nor did he write a book on the subject because this great Bible teacher knew it was not a commandment. The only reason I know she did is that I heard him make a passing comment on it once in a sermon that he had come to believe in it but he stated that that was their personal belief and then he stated the following verses and left it at that, period.

1 Cor 11.15-16

But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. BUT IF ANY MAN SEEM TO BE CONTENTIOUS, WE HAVE NO SUCH CUSTOM, NEITHER THE CHURCHES OF GOD.

My point is that yes, he believed in it but in that little blurb that he spoke on it, he never once made me (or anyone else), feel less of Christian because we didn't believe in it. And in this day and age, we don't find many people of God who can do that... separate what they personally believe about a scripture from the Scriptures.

Like bearmaster said, "standing down!!" :)

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2014/6/25 3:32

"It's Not about Us

The matter of head coverings is not about women's subjection to men or of man losing his authority by not wearing it; it has nothing to do with custom, culture, history, man, woman or Paul's own ideas.

This symbol transcends the physical realm and represents a much deeper reality than what we see here on earth.

In the same way, Holy Communion is not about us (although we are the ones doing it), but it's a very important symbol given to us that speaks of Christ's death 2,000 years ago.

In ancient Rome, Christians were scorned, rejected and some even killed for participating in the Holy Communion. They realized this tradition was not about them; rather, it was about Him. And that made all the difference.

It's Not about Inferiority

Some misunderstand the purpose of head coverings, thinking they were instituted by men in an effort to make women feel inferior. This is not the case.

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God is the One who ordained this authority structure in the beginningâ€”a structure that can only work when we willingly submit to Godâ€™s authority. And we know that all authority is appointed by God. (see 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 3:6)

Manâ€™s headship over woman is not the result of the Fall, but it was established in the Garden of Eden. (see 1 Corinthians 11:23, 14:37, 15:3)

Despite the connotations attached to it, subordination has nothing to do with inferiority, whether academically, anatomically, morally, socially, spiritually or anything else. Both male and female complement each other; both are interdependent of each other.

In the teachings on subordination found in the Bible, woman is subordinate to man because of the roles that God has given, not because of intrinsic value. (see Exodus 19:7)

The Lord knew the Enemy would use this fear of being inferior to hinder obedience. In answer to this, the teachings in 1 Corinthians 11 include verses 11 and 12: â€œNevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.â€

There is a spiritual equality between man and woman, an equality that will continue after the Church age has come to an end. (see Romans 6:3â€”6)

Looking to the Godhead, we see that all three Persons in the Holy Trinity are the same essence. Yet for order to be maintained, there must be headship and subordination. The Son willingly subjected Himself to the will of His Father as the incarnate second person of the Holy Trinity. (see 1 Corinthians 11:23â€”26)

A woman displays this divine relationship and represents Godâ€™s government to the world; her willing subjection to wearing a covering is likened to Christâ€™s willing subjection to the Father.

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Amen, why should a women think about first of all missing this privilege? Paul similarly compares marriage to Christ and Church relationship, why should someone think of spoiling this privilege by not honoring the marriage? People will readily recognize the second thing (dishonoring marriage) as sin but partial with first. Is it not a double standard?

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/6/25 4:34

Many men here think it is ok for a women not to cover her heard in Church and there by ignore the command. They try t o come up with different loop holes so that they may not burden women in Church, like to add up cultural background et c.

But while thinking about not burdening others why do these men not give heed to what Jesus said in Matthew 5:19 in wh ich Jesus said -"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven". Why should a man or a preacher try to put his own interpre tation and there by take all effort to become least in God's kingdom?

Jesus did not think about not burdening others when he gave sermon on the mount. He raised the standard of Law even higher by saying 'if you lust with your eyes you have already committed adultery'. If these men were present on that time they would have called Jesus a hard task master who is adding additional burden to men by placing these extra comma nds. But Jesus knew what he was going to do, he will give greater grace for men to keep these commands. If our trust is on grace then none of the commands will ever be a burden to either men or women.

I am not saying men should force this view on women who do not cover their head, then they truly put a burden and bec ome a stumbling block. Instead present the truth as it is, instead of finding loopholes.

There is nothing wrong in obeying a command. There is nothing wrong in a women looking different by covering her hea d out of obedience in Church when others do not. My wife who was raised with truth about Head covering. When she me t with few sisters in US for prayer meet, felt odd that she alone was covering her head. I told her not to feel odd but stan d for the truth that God has given her the privilege to hear from childhood. She obeyed God's command even though sh e was the only women there that too youngest of them all. The sister who organizes the prayer meet, asked my wife abo ut her belief in head covering. When my wife presented the truth in love, the sister started covering her head as well. Sh e was at least 20 years older than my wife who was in her 20s at that time. Irrespective of age one can always spread G od's fragrance.

Dare to be different for Christ.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/25 6:18

One more thing I wanted to clarify about my poking fun at this topic. I thought it was obvious but I guess it was not.

I am poking fun at the DEBATE over this topic that had been discussed ad nausea for many years without any clear res olution. The great majority of Christian women in the US at least don't cover their head. Doesn't mean they are right; do esn't mean they are wrong.

I AM NOT poking fun at persons who choose one way or the other. I honestly could care less personally, although when I see a woman in church wearing a hat (and this is usually at our daughter's church in Greenville SC that is about 50% A frican American) I do kind of like it.

But I do get a little irritated at those who continue to insist that they are right about one side of this issue and everyone el se is wrong. How is this possible when very well respected men of God and Bible teachers fall on both sides of the issu e? THAT is why the debate is ridiculous, No debate is necessary. Let each woman purpose in her own heart and mind what to do according to her prayerful study of the scriptures and leave it alone.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/6/25 9:47

by Sree on 2014/6/25 1:34:47

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n to sleep at night.

It is interesting to me, as I have had read many teaches on this topic. Today most women who cover do wear a small piece of cloth over the top of their head but some teaching I have read speak to the woman's head being veiled which implies a complete covering of the entire head and not just the top of the head? I wonder what your thoughts on this are?

Thank you again for sharing these things the LORD has placed on your heart.

God Bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/25 9:57

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Dear brother,

My post earlier clearly stated that there WAS NO debate until your comments and others that were posted in a very negative fashion. The thread started with a sincere question from a sister and in no way was currying for a debate. Again if we take away the strongly negative reactions there are some things to consider here in this thread.

We all love Holy Scripture and must reckon with all of it in our walks with the Lord.

Again for those who have not consider reading this short booklet by K.P. Yohannan on the subject, it is the most balanced and loving approach to the topic I have ever read:

(Pdf Book) Head Coverings by K.P. Yohannan
<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=25173>

Re: is head covering literal or spiritual - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/6/25 12:35

Trueblue,

In answer to your question, I believe that based on the WORD it is talking about a literal veil, not her husband.

It is true, that if a woman is married her husband is to work as her head, BUT he never ever supplants God's authority. We have no Scripture teaching us that this is so. God always holds the woman accountable for her decisions - she cannot ever use her husband as an excuse to disobey the headship/commands of Jesus Christ or the WORD.

Take for example the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Ananias lied to the apostles about the sale of their property...he lied and was killed by the LORD. Sapphira came in later and Peter asked her the same question. She repeated what her husband said and the LORD killed her as well. It is important to take lessons from this story because it has a lot to teach us.

Lying is sin.

Peter was giving Sapphira the opportunity to save herself from certain death but she chose to repeat her husband's wish which was a lie.

We also noticed they had agreed to do this beforehand, yet Sapphira was given the option to withdraw from this agreement by Peter, but she did not. God held her accountable. Wives cannot hide behind their husband's rebellion and expect God to honor their decisions. (If this were so consider the the opposite - it could mean a woman cannot come to the LORD unless her husband does first. The implications of holding to this position are staggering.)

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We are called to submit to authorities who are over us but NOT at the expense of disobedience to the clear command of the WORD.

My understanding of the WORD - this is an issue I have wrestled with a long time and it is this incident in Acts 5 that taught me about the limited authority of a husband over the wife.

Hope this will not confuse you more...

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2014/6/25 12:55

Obviously this topic has been discussed many times on this forum and every time the subject is raised, it garners a lot of replies.

I believe there are, broadly speaking, three categories of Christian women in regard to this matter.

1. Those who cover their heads all the time.
2. Those who only cover their heads when gathered with the Body.
3. Those who do not cover their heads at all.

I believe when you mix up this group then great confusion follows. Some have appealed to tradition, going back 1900 years in support for head covering but what head covering, what group? 1,2 or 3? If you want to appeal to the last 1900 years, then it must be acknowledged that those of group 2 would be most justified by this appeal, not group 1.

What does Scripture say, because appealing to tradition can be fraught with danger, just speak to any Catholic about that, who equate tradition with Scripture. Here is the key portion of the Scripture.....

Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

(1Co 11:4-7)

The context is clearly in regard to when a woman or man prays or prophesies. Just as men are not expected to keep their heads uncovered all the time, they can clearly wear hats and not be sinning, then so woman can clearly not cover her head at all times and not be sinning. So the issue becomes when one is "praying or prophesying." It is clearly a public issue, when one is gathered together with the Body to pray and to prophesy and to move in whatever gift, tongues, interpretation of tongues, words of knowledge and so on. Men should not have their heads covered in the gathering and woman should have their heads covered in the gathering.

The irony I have found, and this is just my personal experience, which is not limited but quite broad, is that those who practice head coverings all the time, Mennonites or conservative families and so on, do not have women praying or prophesying publicly so the matter is not about obedience to Scripture, rather it is compliance with their own tradition and culture. It is a bondage of legalism to many and tends to be found amongst groups who have or have had problems with legalism.

So, my opinion is that when the Body is gathered then a woman should have her head covered in the event the Holy Spirit calls her to pray or prophesy and a man should have his head uncovered. To extend this practice outside of the gathering for women to always be covered or men to never be covered is not a Biblical stance but a tradition in certain groups which does not even extend to the men since they can clearly wear hats and always have done.....bro Frank

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Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/6/25 13:15

by appolus on 2014/6/25 9:55:54

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Thank you Frank for summing this up so well. I appreciate those who have shared what the LORD is showing them on this topic.

As for me I will continue to follow the LORD JESUS in this matter as HE has lead me to. I pray often and want to remain open and soft before HIM to know HIS heart in all things. This is just one area that concerns sister in the LORD that I think many new christian women struggle with. There are others as well and at times with so many differing opinions it can be difficult to wade through it all. I have come to see if we truly seek KING JESUS and desire to know HIS heart HE will lead us according to HIS will. As in all things GOD looks at the heart of the matter and as long as we remain open to HIM and HIS authority, daily submitted unto HIM then its all good :)

God bless
maryjane

God Bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2014/6/25 13:28

Since this discussion is very civilized, I feel I can join and add to it.

Remember, this issue doesn't only affect women:

I am a man who has no wife or children. If the Lord is willing, and someday I become married and perhaps blesses me with sons and daughters, then I will teach this to them. If the Lord chooses to make me a teacher, I will also teach this.

Because of these discussions and from reading the Scriptures, I have begun to take my hat off (I ALWAYS have either a ballcap or a cowboy hat on) whenever I pray--not because I am more righteous than others, but because of what it does represents and because of who commanded it.

I used to take my hat off when I prayed in public, because that was just southern tradition, but at home or in my truck, I left it on. But now my motives are totally different--the glory of God, and regardless of whether I am in public or not, I will try to do whatever I can (I am not perfect) to honor the Lord, even if it is as simple as taking off my hat.

Am I better than you because of that? God forbid that I should glory in anything except the cross of Jesus Christ!

The problem, I think, without most is that the motives or reasoning behind it is taught incorrectly. Also, I think when we have to look outside the Scriptures to pull a different meaning than what it says alone, then I think we've ventured into dangerous territory.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/25 13:42

Frank,

Thank you brother for your sound reasoning. I agree with you that Scripture does not command sisters to wear the covering at "all times" and this is probably more rooted in mennonite tradition. I do not think it is wrong for a sister to wear some sort of covering for modesty if they feel it is part of their expressing modesty in the way they dress. So all sisters that wear a headcovering all that time are not doing so out of a rule of legalism.

brother KP in his short booklet agrees with your thinking on what is the Biblical time to wear a covering and that is primarily in the meeting of saints.

When to Wear a Head Covering

Paul specifies that women cover their heads when they pray. The admonition here is for a woman to cover her head whenever she prays. This is what my mother always did. Now Paul shared this teaching within the context of speaking about spiritual gatherings—a time when believers “come together” for worship, prayer, exhortation, teaching and the like.¹²

We know that prayer is not always vocal; it can be nonverbal, as in the case of Hannah.¹³ Even though a prayer may not be verbalized at the gathering, all the believers are joining in prayer together. In essence, everyone there is in prayer, men and women alike.

So even if a woman herself is not praying aloud, she is still joining in with her brothers and sisters who are gathered.

Because of this atmosphere of prayer and because of the angels,¹⁴ a woman should have a head covering on during the entire church service, from the beginning until the benediction and dismissal.

There are churches that teach that women should wear a head covering at all times based on the instruction that we are to “pray without ceasing,”¹⁵ along with the Scripture in 1 Corinthians 11 for women to have a covering when they pray.

People also base the practice of wearing a head covering at all times on the fact that both Old Testament Hebrew women and Christian women throughout church history wore head coverings all the time and not just at spiritual gatherings.

One thing is certain, however; the Bible clearly teaches in 1 Corinthians 11:3¹⁶ that a woman is to wear a head covering when she prays and prophesies, which would include any time during a spiritual gathering.

No specific instruction is given in the Bible for the age when a girl should start covering her head, but logic and common sense tell us it should be from the time of accountability. Tertullian, one of the early church fathers around ad 200, affirms this

guidance.16

As we submit to the Lord's teaching, practicing the symbols He has given us, we begin to realize that this is more than a simple, physical action. As Jesus said when He washed the disciples' feet, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (John 13:17).

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Re: , on: 2014/6/25 13:43

MJ writes.....

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Amen and glory unto HIM.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/25 13:48

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Amen sister your attitude and walk with the Lord is an example to all of us. May we keep Him first in all things and in the forefront. Jesus Christ and Him only. All other things work out over time when we are in a deep personal abiding relationship with the Son of God.

Re: , on: 2014/6/25 13:55

Hi Greg,

Brother, I am glad that we are closely aligned on this as the enemy has caused much sorrow and has most definitely shown much discord with this issue. Let me clarify, I do not believe that all sisters who wear a head-covering all the time are doing this because of bondage and legalism, some undoubtedly do it out of sincerity of heart before God and I say God bless them. Yet many who do wear the head covering all the time are in bondage to legalism and or tradition, and many are simply being obedient to their husbands who are in bondage. God knows and the fruits are typically apparent. With legalism and bondage comes fear and control and a heart that judges others. With the genuine freedom that comes from walking with a pure heart before the Lord comes love and power and a sound mind.....bro Frank

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Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/6/25 14:43

QUOTE:

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This is true. For a lot of conservative Christians this issue has been one that has evolved into legalism. However...can one say that just because this is the case that it will negate the directives of the WORD?

In our brotherhood, the sisters are encouraged to share during times of public sharing, be it testimony of what the LORD has done for you, insights into the WORD that has impacted you, or make prayer requests. We used to pray publicly until our church got quite large but in our cell groups we do pray out loud. Not praying in a large group has nothing to do with church policy - just do not feel led to if there are plenty of males in attendance or just do not feel led to, period.

Methodists one needs to quit looking around and listen to what the Spirit teaches us. The Holy Spirit does not place a burden on us that is too heavy to bear. He will be with us, enabling us and reward us with blessings not detailed in the WORD. Such are the results of walking with the LORD in all of life.

One question that is sure to come and that is, "will refusal to wear it doom a person to hell?" I do not know. Judgement belongs to God, not me. I am content to leave it there. I do know wearing it will not guarantee one entrance to heaven.

Otherwise....why not follow the Lamb wherever He goes and give Him the Honor he deserves? That is what this is all about, is it not?

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/6/25 17:52

quote:

"One question that is sure to come and that is, "will refusal to wear it doom a person to hell?" I do not know."

Thank goodness I DO know the answer to that question. The answer is: "no, it absolutely will not."

It is not a sin to refuse to do something that is not required. It is like asking whether refusal to tithe will doom a person to hell.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/6/25 21:06

Quote:
-----a heart that judges others

Frank,

Yes that would be one of the fruits of legalism and bondage is judging others. I know brother Brian sees this manifest in certain Mennonite churches he ministers in. May God's people be "free" in all things.

Galatians 5:1
New International Version (NIV)

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

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Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/6/26 0:09

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Frankly I do not have light in this area of covering the head all the time. I believe women who do it do it based on the scripture that says pray without ceasing. Since we are always inwardly praying in Spirit they want to cover their head. But I believe regarding Head covering command is only in a gathering of 2 or more believers for the purpose of prayer and encouragement. There is nothing wrong in overdoing something as long as it does not become a dead work.

Regarding the length of head covering, I do not have light on that as well. As long as it is big enough to be a symbol to men and angels it is fine I guess. We cannot be legalistic about how long it should be!

Re: Fear!, on: 2014/6/26 11:01

This subject matter has the potential to bring a lot of grief to women if we are not careful. My personal opinion is that the vast majority of women who practice covering only do so because their husbands or fathers or others in their church either asked them to cover or it was quite obvious that they might offend others around them in their fellowship. I came out of a very legalistic church background where long dresses and head coverings were mandatory and as such I base my opinion on a lifetime of observations and on speaking to MANY women who have at some point or still do cover their heads.

But good luck finding a woman brave enough to admit this or agree with me publicly...on a forum lol.

Also I want to address the issue of fear. To be absolutely clear, I am not speaking about respect for a husband or respect for the "culture" of a church group, but I am speaking specifically about the issue of FEAR and using fear to get people to obey us. I look at some women and I cannot help but feel that they are no better off than women in Muslim cultures...living in fear of their husbands and/or autocratic religious church leaders. In these cases these Muslim women comply because they are forced to. They live in a culture of fear.

And when we create a culture of fear in our homes or fellowships, we grieve our Lord Jesus FAR more than a precious sister who does not have a piece of cloth on her head! Shame on us men who don't even care to know if our wives or daughters or others we Lord over...are afraid of us!

I know I am slightly off topic but I feel the issue of fear is a valid concern in relation to this subject matter because no woman should have to live in fear of a man...ever...in any culture, yet that unfortunately is the reality of our world...and in many church circles.

Re: "Should Christian women wear head coverings?" - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/6/26 11:05

I came across this article from the Gotquestions.org site and thought it was worthy of sharing here:

"Should Christian women wear head coverings?"

Answer: 1 Corinthians 11:3-16 addresses the issue of women and head coverings. The context of the entire passage of 1 Corinthians 11:3-16 is submission to the God-given order and "chain of command." A "covering" on a woman's head is used as an illustration of the order, headship, and the authority of God. The key verse of this passage is 1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God." The implications of this verse are found in the rest of the passage. The order is: God the Father, God the Son, the man or husband, and the woman or wife. The veil or covering on the head of a believing Corinthian wife showed that she was under the authority of her husband, and therefore under submission to God.

Within this passage is also verse 10: "For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels." Why is that important to angels? The relationship of God with men is something that angels watch an

learn from (1 Peter 1:12). Therefore, a woman's submission to God's delegated authority over her is an example to angels. The holy angels, who are in perfect and total submission to God, expect that we, as followers of Christ, be the same.

This covering not only means a cloth but also can refer to a woman's hair length. How can we say that? We must take this verse in the context or the setting in which it is presented. "Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering" (1 Corinthians 11:14-15). Therefore, in the context of this passage, a woman who is wearing her hair longer marks herself out distinctively as a woman and not a man. The Apostle Paul is saying here that in the Corinthian culture, when a wife's hair was longer than her husband's, it showed her submission to his headship. The roles of the male and female are designed by God to portray a profound spiritual lesson, that is of submission to the will and the order of God.

But why is hair an issue in this passage? The apostle Paul is addressing an issue related to the Corinthian culture that was being allowed to disrupt the church. For a woman to have a shaved head was a disgrace (and, in Jewish thinking, a sign of mourning, Deuteronomy 21:12). Her hair was her "glory" (1 Corinthians 11:15). In the Corinthian culture, women normally wore a head covering as a symbol of their submission to their husbands. Paul affirms the rightness of following that cultural mandate "to dispense with the head coverings on women would send the entirely wrong signal to the culture at large. In fact, Paul says that, if a Christian woman refuses her head covering, she might as well shave her hair off, too (verse 6). A woman who refused to wear a covering in that culture was basically saying, "I refuse to submit to God's order." Therefore, the apostle Paul is teaching the Corinthians that hair length or the wearing of a "covering" by the woman was an outward indication of a heart attitude of submission to God and to His established authority.

God's order is that the husband is the head of the wife as God is the head of Christ, but there is no inequality or inferiority implied. God and Christ are equal and united, just as the husband and the wife are one. This is not a passage that teaches the woman is inferior to man or that she should be submissive to every man. It is teaching God's order and spiritual headship in the marriage relationship. In the Corinthian culture, a woman who covered her head during worship or when she was in public displayed her submission to authority.

In today's culture, we no longer view a woman's wearing of a head covering as a sign of submission. In most modern societies, scarves and hats are fashion accessories. A woman has the choice to wear a head covering if she views it as a sign of her submission to the authority of her husband. However, it is a personal choice and not something that should be used to judge spirituality. The real issue here is the heart attitude of obedience to God's authority and submission to His established order "as to the LORD" (Ephesians 5:22). God is far more concerned with an attitude of submission than an outward display of submission via a head covering. First Timothy 2:9-10, "I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God."

Source: <http://www.gotquestions.org/head-coverings.html#ixzz35l3Arzqt>

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/6/26 11:09

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Just want to encourage you brother that I don't believe you were off topic with your good post on how unhealthy fear can come into play when it comes to this issue.

Re: , on: 2014/6/26 11:40

Thank you brother Oracio...perhaps it is a good subject for a new post though...women living in fear of their husbands and/or religious leaders. Yet I doubt any woman in such a case would even venture to enter such a conversation...their Lords would not allow them to...lol.

And that is the reason I raised this point so that perhaps the Holy Spirit could "slap some sense" into us men who are oblivious to the fear we instill in our wives and daughters and I am speaking to myself first and foremost here.

The only way to know is for us to humble ourselves and ask the woman in our lives. But get ready to hear answers that we might not like to hear. This will require great humility but it will draw us nearer to the Lord, for who is it that the Lord looks to? "But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word."

Now right here a person could claim, "aha, see...it is so important to tremble at Gods word...head coverings is a command in the Word...our wives need to tremble at this word!!!"

But that is not what Isaiah 66 is speaking about, in fact if you read the next few passages the Lord makes it very clear that He is NOT talking about outward obedience to His word at all...but a problem with their heart.

“He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man;
he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog’s neck;
he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig’s blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways and their soul delights in their abominations...”

The Lord is saying that there is no difference in the hearts of those who DO not kill others or do NOT offer pigs blood or do NOT bless an idol etc. Their heart is the problem...they may be outwardly living right but they have gone their own way in their heart.

This is my point. We can jump up and down about woman covering their heads and right there in our hearts we can be filled with a spirit of manipulation and control and a desire to coerce others to do what we want them to do. If this is the case we have "gone our own way"...we have become utterly deceived and most definitely do NOT "tremble at Gods Word". And more than all the women in the world who do not cover their heads, we men need a massive spiritual awakening. ..Lord have mercy on us!

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/6/26 12:49

Thought this was another good article from the Got Questions site dealing with head coverings:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/hats-in-church.html>

Re: , on: 2014/6/26 13:34

Bro Mark writes.....

"I know I am slightly off topic but I feel the issue of fear is a valid concern in relation to this subject matter because no woman should have to live in fear of a man...ever...in any culture, yet that unfortunately is the reality of our world...and in many church circles."

Not off topic at all brother, I would venture to say that in so many circles, this is the central issue.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by followthelamb, on: 2014/6/26 14:33

Dear sister Mary Jane,

You wrote:

"The truth is I know several sisters who dearly love the LORD and feel convicted wear the head covering. They do so with love in their heart for their husbands and the LORD JESUS. And sadly these same sister have to put up with being made fun of and even mocked by others from both the christian and non christian community."

Thank you for sharing this, for it has often been my own experience. In my own walk with our precious The Lord, He act

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usually guided me to wear a headcovering during prayer and worship, putting this on my heart by His Spirit before I was married and when no one else I knew practiced or believed in this.

I can't tell you how many times my brothers or sisters in Christ have told me that I do not need to wear a headcovering because I have liberty in Christ and that Christ (and now my husband) is my spiritual covering.

I do not look down on my sisters who do not cover their heads...we all are on a unique journey with Him and each other and though we give our bodies to be burned or though we wear headcoverings, it profits us nothing if we do not have that love by which all men will know we are His.

What can hurt is when a desire imparted by the Spirit of God to obey instructions in the New covenant out of love is seen as legalism and bondage by other Christians. It is most often automatically assumed to be so, but I can tell you that neither my husband nor fear of man, nor dead tradition led me to cover my head in prayer and worship, but I do this by the Word and Spirit of God in allegiance to a King immortal, invisible, to honor Him before both enemies and allies in the unseen, specifically angels...it has very little to do with men at all but rather the invisible reality which will one day overtake the vain things of this world and bring us all to stand before His throne.

Neither do I judge any who do not believe as I do. His love, grace, peace, and mercy to each of you my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/6/26 14:50

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Thank you dear sister for sharing your heart with us here. I appreciate what you said, it was done so in love and that is what matters most. I trust GOD is leading each of us as we journey through this life and if we keep our hearts open and so fit to HIS leading HE will guide us. I appreciate that you are following the things HE has placed on your heart and doing so faithfully unto HIM! Praise GOD for that, as I do the same I give thanks that we can walk together and mutually lift one another up in prayer and encourage each other to press in deeper to walk submitting unto JESUS!!

God bless you
maryjane

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Thank you, sister! I wish I thought more like this about everything!

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Amen! That sums up well the kind of love and respect we are to have toward one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

May we be careful not to wrongly accuse each other of any sinful motives.