

# Agathos Women 4

Galatians 3:28. *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”*

Male, Female

This verse states the fundamental equality of men and women in Christianity. In addition, Jesus Himself violated many local customs regarding women. He treated them as equal in value to men, even if still different in roles.

1 Corinthians 14:34-35. *Let \_\_\_\_\_ in the churches: for it is \_\_\_\_\_ unto them \_\_\_\_\_; but [they are commanded] to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for \_\_\_\_\_.*

Women Keep Silence, Not Permitted, to Speak, It is a Shame for Women to Speak in the Church

The Corinthian Church had a problem with \_\_\_\_\_.

Their services were chaotic with people speaking in tongues, prophesying, and calling across the room in the middle of services.

Chaos and Abused Freedoms

LoB:BHM \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Behavior: Behaviors Have Meaning

Corinthian women reveled in the freedom they had in Christ. They displayed this behavior publically, and it brought shame to them and to the Corinthian Church.

IRAtAoM: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

I Rebel Against the Authority of Men

Some would pray with their heads uncovered. This was a symbol of authority reserved for the male head of household. By doing it herself, she was announcing that she was rebelling against her husband's or father's authority.

IAaP: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

I Am a Prostitute

Some would cut their hair short. This was the hairstyle of prostitutes. By doing this, she was announcing that the Christian Church has “Church Prostitutes.”

MoOS, WotOS: \_\_\_\_\_

The Traditional Jewish Seating Arrangement was for men and women to be on opposite sides of the room. The Corinthian Church likely used this arrangement.

Men on One Side, Women on the Other Side

If the wife had a question, she would interrupt the service to ask her question.

She might have asked or argued in the service with the teacher. Or she might ask her husband, shouting across the room and disrupting the service (insofar as a Corinthian service could be disrupted, as chaotic as it already was!).

Paul Admonition is O!OitC! \_\_\_\_\_

Order! Order in the Church!

The whole theme of Paul's admonition is “Order in the Church!” Women shouting across the room, men and women giving messages in tongues or prophesying randomly, and general chaos was the problem he was solving.

1 Corinthians 11:16. *“But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.”*

Paul said this after discussing hair and head coverings. This was a huge issue of rebellion! He even said that if a woman was going to violate the rule, she may as well have her head shaved (a penalty for being caught in adultery!). Then he says

“If this is a big issue for you, it's \_\_\_\_\_ – it's more like \_\_\_\_\_, really.”

Not Exactly a Code, Guidelines