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Message Info

Title:

Order in the Assembly
– Part I

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Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Free Resource

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Theme: In his love God has ordered our steps so let us love one another by ordering our assembly.

Introduction: The Bible makes clear, repeatedly, that “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8). It also makes clear that God orders our steps (Prov 20:24). And so we see that both love and order come from the Lord. They are attributes of God, demonstrated supremely in the gospel. In this passage we see how love and order must come together in the assembly of God’s people.

Here are 3 ways our gatherings should be ordered:

1. Order in speech (26-33)

We have seen that there are a variety of speech gifts and they are good for the church. All things are to be done for edification.

Specific instructions are applied to the use of the gifts. We need to embrace these instructions as convictions so that we exercise them biblically.

Uninterpreted tongues in the public meeting, for example, go against the instructions Paul provides. They don’t edify the church. Prophecy is preferred because it edifies by its intelligibility, though first it must be weighed (evaluated). God is a God of peace and order. True spirituality reflects these truths.

2. Order in gender (33-35)

3. Order of authority (36-40)

Questions:

1. How does God intend for our speech to edify others? How do Paul’s instructions inform your understanding and convictions regarding true spirituality?

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