

# ***BOOK OF GOSPEL TRACTS***



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## **CHRISTMAS – a heathen worship**

### **The truth about Christmas**

There are many people who don't know that according to the Bible no reference to a date is given as the birth date of Christ, and those who participate in Christmas and vain customs are heathens.

### **The Birth of Christ**

The Bible gives reference to the birth of Jesus, but no date is given. *St. Luke 2:11 reads: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.*

Therefore, man is not justified biblically to set December 25<sup>th</sup> as the date Christ was born. The better way we can celebrate or recognize Christ is to live according to his holy word.

### **Gift Giving/Exchanging**

Whenever we are asked to give or desire to give to someone in need for a rightful cause, we are justified in our giving. The bible tells us to give to those who ask of us, also, to give to those who have need. This kind of giving caters to or satisfies a need, and is not given to expect a gift in return. However, when gift giving is

done for Christmas only and during the Christmas season only, it is part of the heathen worship and a vain custom.

Saints of God should neither give nor receive Christmas gifts, or participate in any type of Christmas activities.

### **The Christmas Tree**

The Bible speaks about the cutting and decorating of the tree as being a vain custom of the people. Those who do so are called heathens, according to the Bible. God is speaking through Jeremiah the prophet, telling his people to learn not the way of the heathen. *Jeremiah 10:1-5 reads: HEAR ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is in them to do good.*

The following words are defined as according to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary (A Merriam-Webster):

*Christmas* – Christ's mass – a Christian feast on December 25<sup>th</sup> or among the Eastern Orthodox on

January 6, that commemorates the birth of Christ and is usually observed as a legal holiday.

*Heathen* – Of or relating to heathens, their religions, or their customs. An unconverted member of a people or nation that does not acknowledge the God of the Bible. An uncivilized or irreligious person.

*Vain* – Having no real value, idle, worthless, unsuccessful, useless, foolish, and silly.

## **COMMUNION AND FEET** **WASHING**

**COMMUNION SERVING** is also referred to as the Passover, or the supper. *Read St. John 13:1-2.* Communion consists of bread and wine. The bread represents the body of Jesus, and the wine the blood of

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Jesus. *Read 1 Corinthians 10:15-16; 11:24-25.* Some in the religious world believe in using water, and soda water, while others use grape juice, but there is no Bible to justify any of these drinks. *Psalm 75:8 reads: For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup and the wine is red...*

There is also lack of understanding for some on how communion should be served. Some believe all those who take communion should all drink from the same cup and not use individual cups. *St. Mark 14:22-23 reads: And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.* This scripture seems to suggest to some that they all drank from the same cup. Notice, they drank of it and not from it. More light is shown on this subject from *St. Luke 22:17 which reads: And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:* The "cup" symbolizes the wine in this passage of scripture. The "cup" cannot be divided, but the wine can be. One can accept through reasoning that the "cup" contains the portion of wine. When wine is served to those individuals during communion, they are all drinking of the cup, however in order to be able to divide it among themselves, the wine is poured into

individual drinking containers. Once the drinking is completed it is a truth that all drank of the same cup and divided wine among them. Pouring the wine into a cup from its' original container and from that container into individual cups fulfill the scripture in *St. Mark 14* and *St. Luke 22* as referenced above.

**FEET WASHING** *St. John 13:4-5 reads: He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Jesus said in St. John 13:14: If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. The washing of the disciples' feet was done by Jesus to give them an example that they should do as he had done. Read St. John 13:15.*

We the saints are required to wash one another's feet. For example, Person A washes person C's feet, and Person B washes Person A's feet. There is a difference between washing one another's feet and washing each other's feet. To observe *1 Corinthians 14:40* which reads: *Let all things be done decently and in order, the brethren wash one another's feet among themselves,*

while the sisters wash one another's feet among themselves.

## **DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE** **THE LAW OF MAN, BUT NOT OF GOD**

**Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? *Read St. Matthew 19:3.***

The Bible does not justify any man or wife to divorce and be remarried to another. *St. Luke 16:18 reads: Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery. St. Mark 10:12 reads: And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.*

*St. Matthew 19:7-8, and St. Mark 10:1-12: the Pharisees asked Jesus ...Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause...Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*

Jesus said also in *St. Matthew 19:5-6* ...*For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

Some try to use as justification to divorce and remarry the scripture in *St. Matthew 19:9* which reads: *And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.* Notice the phrase, except it be for fornication. Fornication is committed by a man and woman not married to each other, while adultery is committed by a married person and a partner other than the lawful husband or wife.

In the book of *St. Matthew, Chapter 19*, Jesus is speaking of two types of wives – the espoused wife and the lawful wife. Had Mary's conceiving of child not been of the Holy Ghost, but by a man other than her husband, it would have been considered fornication. Therefore, Joseph would have been justified to put her away as in accordance with *St. Matthew 19:9*, if he so chose.

*Romans 7:2-3 reads: For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.*

## **DRUGS, ALCOHOL and SEX**

**Young boy, girl, man or woman, if you are addicted to such sinful pleasures this message is just for you.**

*Colossians 2:21 reads: Touch not; taste not; handle not;* Drugs, alcohol and sex are by far the world's foremost pleasures, and particularly amongst the youth. These three sins specifically are leading many of its followers to a false sense of pleasure, confusion and finally, death. *1 Corinthians 14:33 reads: God is not the author of confusion, but of peace....* How much peace does one enjoy indulging in these sinful behaviors? At the time in which sin is committed, one may feel joyful, but be not deceived **SIN IS GUARANTEED TO KILL** – *Romans 6:23 reads: For the wages of sin is death...* Sin is evil, and the word of God tells us to abstain from all

appearance of evil. *Read 1 Thessalonians 5:22; and James 1:14-15.*

**Drugs** – Young boy, man or woman, are you addicted to drugs and defiling your body? Let me warn you, your body belongs to the Lord! You are responsible and will answer to God for all the deeds done with your body. *Read 1 Corinthians 6:15; Titus 1:15.*

**Alcohol** – Young boy, girl, man or woman, are you addicted to the drinking of alcohol to satisfy a fleshly desire or lust? The word of God clearly instructs us in *1 Peter 2:11 which reads: abstain from fleshly lusts.* Those who do these things and continue to do so are unrighteous and will not be saved. *Ephesians 5:18 reads: Be not drunk with wine.* The Apostle Paul has spoken these words in *1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and Romans 14:21, Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

**Sex** – young boy, girl, man or woman, do you engage in premarital sex? You don't have to answer to man, but

you will answer to God for what you do in your private and personal life. Premarital sex is fornication, which is sin. The word of God honors marriage between man and wife. God formed man, and then created woman from the rib of man. *Genesis 2:24 reads: Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* The Apostle Paul has spoken these words in *1 Thessalonians 4:3* which reads: *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.* *1 Corinthians 6:13 reads: ...Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.* Boyfriend and girlfriend having sex is sin. Male with male, and female with female relationships and sexual behaviors is sin, unnatural and against the word of God. *Read Romans 1:26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 2 Corinthians 6:17, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 and 1 Corinthians 7:1-2.*

**Adultery** – Husbands, wives, do you commit adultery? Adultery is committed when a married man or woman engages in sexual acts with someone other than the lawful spouse, or when either spouse puts away the other. The word of God condemns divorce and re-marriage. *Romans 7:3 reads: So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an*

*adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Read Revelation 2:22.*

Young boy, girl, man or woman, sin will kill you. Do you know that the use of condoms and other contraceptives do not guarantee "safe sex", but instead provides mechanisms to entice you to sin with a false sense of security? Sin has never been safe and never will be. SIN WILL KILL YOU. Christ is the answer; you can be delivered. *Read 1 Corinthians 6:11.* REPENT (become godly sorrowful for the sin in your life) and BE BAPTIZED in water, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST. *Read Acts 2:38,* and continue to live a life that pleases Jesus Christ.

## **FASTING**

### **WHAT IS FASTING? SHOULD SAINTS FAST AND FOR HOW LONG? WHAT PURPOSES DO FASTING SERVE?**

**FASTING** is defined as the abstinence from food and drink for a period of time. The children of the bride-chamber (the followers of Jesus) were not required to fast until the bridegroom shall be taken away. *St. Matthew 9:14-15, reads: Then came to him the disciples of John,*

*saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bride-chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.* Fasting is often accompanied with prayers in the scriptures.

**HOW TO FAST** is outlined in *St. Matthew 6:16-18* which reads: *Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.* Moreover signifies that fasting is for more than a one-time occasion, but is to be continued throughout the Christian walk with Christ.

**FASTING AT NIGHT/DAY** The scriptures do not require fasting is done necessarily at day or night. *Daniel 6:18* reads: *Then the King went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.* This scripture implies that King Darius fasted during the night

rather than during the day, and also that he remained awake during the night fasting. *St. Luke 2:37 reads: And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.* This scripture (referring to Anna, a prophetess) implies that she fasted during the night and day.

No scripture reference requires a certain number of days or hours one must fast, however the fact that Paul fasted often harmonizes with what Jesus said in *St. Matthew 6:16* concerning moreover. Moreover does not specify how often, but means over and over. If one would wash his face, and anoint his head with oil, and fast for one, four or eight hours to and for the glory of God, this fast is acceptable with God. *2 Corinthians 11:27 reads: In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.* Paul also speaks of fasting in *1 Corinthians 7:5* which reads: *Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*

**PURPOSES FOR FASTING** have been carried out both in the old and new testaments, and have occurred for

various reasons. This commentary speaks to just a few references to some of the purposes fasting was done. The scriptures noted with an (\*) refer to fasting in a displeasing manner, and are included for learning, and not to be taken as though fasting should not be done, or that fasting should be carried out with the same displeasing mannerism. Fasting as a means to **HUMBLE THE SOUL** (*Psalm 35:13; 69:10*) Fasting as a means to **SERVING GOD** (*St. Luke 2:37*) Fasting as a means to **OBTAIN HEALING** (*St. Matthew 17:21; 2 Samuel 12:16, 21-23*) Fasting as a means to **AFFLICT THE BODY** (*Psalm 109:24*) Fasting as a means to **AFFLICT THE SOUL** (*\*Isaiah 58:3-6*) Fasting as a means to **OBSERVE MOURNING** (*1 Samuel 31:13; \*Zechariah 7:5; \*Jeremiah 14:12*)

*This is a commentary on several biblical references pertaining to fasting. Though the references are scriptural, the commentary is of the writer's knowledge, understanding and viewpoint.*

## GODHEAD

**FATHER, SON, HOLY GHOST. Are there three separate and distinct persons in the Godhead?**

NO! *The Bible in Ecclesiastes 4:8 reads: There is one alone, and there is not a second...* Many get confused with *Genesis 1:26 which reads: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:...* The reader who does not have the understanding might think right away that there is at least two God's, but fail to consider the next verse, *Genesis 1:27 which reads: So God created man in his own image...* In this scripture, God was counseling with his own will according to the scripture in *Ephesians 1:11*. So, God carried out his word and made man in his own image. *Read Genesis 5:1 and Isaiah 44:8 & 24*. There are some scriptures written in a mystery, and need to be understood and rightly divided according to the word of God. *Read Isaiah 28:10 and 2 Timothy 2:15*.

**FATHER** God was Father in creation; the Originator or the one who brought all things into existence. *Read St. John 5:43*. God had no help in bringing about creationism.

**SON** Jesus the Son of God was Son in redemption; the only one that was able to redeem man from sin. *Read St. Matthew 1:21, Hebrews 9:12, 22 & 28.*

**HOLY GHOST** God resurrected from the grave and came back on the day of Pentecost as spirit – the Holy Ghost in the New Testament church, pouring out his spirit on those who believe. So, Jesus is the Holy Ghost. *Read St. John 14:26, and Acts 5:1-4.*

Jesus Christ is God Almighty. The scriptures referenced and others support different manifestations, yet there is only one God and Jesus Christ is that one God.

### **DOESN'T ST. MATTHEW 28:19 SUPPORT THREE?**

YES and NO. This scripture supports three titles, but does not support three Gods. *Read St. Matthew 28:19.* Take notice that this scripture reads ...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. This scripture does not read baptizing them in the names; therefore this means that Father, Son and Holy Ghost have the same one name. The name of these three titles is Jesus. The scripture in *Acts 2:38* indicates the name that is to be used when baptizing. *Read St. Luke 24:47 and Colossians 3:17.* I trust you will seek God's

understanding and lean not unto your own understanding.  
*Read Proverbs 3:5, James 1:5 and Romans 10:3.*

## **HUSBAND AS HEAD OF WIFE**

**What does this mean? Does it mean that wife is just along for the ride, and brings no real value to husband? Does it mean husband is superior and wife inferior in the relationship?**

Is husband head of wife (*read 1 Corinthians 11:3 and Ephesians 5:23*) and is wife to submit to her husband (*read Colossians 3:18, Titus 2:5 and Ephesians 5:22*)?

According to these biblical references the answer is YES, however don't be deceived believing that man and wife should be in a superior-inferior relationship. God first created man (Adam) and then formed woman (Eve) from the rib of man. This was done because God saw it needful for man to have a helper. For those lacking the understanding of the word of God's responsibilities of man and wife, it is not unusual for this kind of people to have man and wife at war one with the other. God did not intend for marriage to be a "Big I" (husband) and "Little You" (wife) relationship, but has left on record how man shall leave father and mother, and shall cleave

to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh. *Read St. Matthew 19:5.*

### **MARRIAGE IS A 50-50 RELATIONSHIP ISN'T IT?**

The scriptures imply that marriage is not a 50-50 relationship. Any man or woman who enters into marriage with the belief they are required to give only 50% set themselves up for failure. Does a reasonable man only want his wife giving 50% of her in the marriage, or does a reasonable wife only want her husband giving 50% of him in the marriage? Contrary to the general math principle of  $50\% + 50\% = 100\%$ , the scripture *St. Matthew 19:5* will support in terms of marriage ( $100\%$  of man +  $100\%$  of woman =  $100\%$  one flesh). The scriptures do not support the concept so often said that the wife is her husband's half, and the husband is his wife's half. But rather, the husband is his wife's whole, and likewise the wife is her husband's whole. *Read St. Matthew 19:6.* The man is not without the woman. *Read 1 Corinthians 7:4 and 11:11.*

### **HUSBAND IS HEAD, BUT WIFE IS NOT FOOT**

In the biblical account of human creationism, the scripture supports Eve being made by a rib taken from man. *Read Genesis 2:21-24.* What can be gleaned from

this creation? Since God made woman from the rib, which is from the man's side, and has said *therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh (Genesis 2:21-24)* it is reasonable to imply that man is to have his wife by his side, and not under his foot, speaking in a parable. God told Eve in the scripture that thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee. *Read Genesis 3:16.* Does this mean the husband is to rule his wife as he would his child? Does this mean the husband is not to permit his wife to have an opinion? Does this mean the husband is to rule his wife as a "piece of property?" Does rule over mean to be disrespectful without love and benevolence? *Read 1 Corinthians 7:3, Proverbs 12:4, 18:22, 31:28 and Colossians 3:19.* The answer to all these questions is NO. God made woman as a help meet to the man. A help meet in this sense means a spouse or a helpful companion. A husband must be considerate and honor his wife in his ruling over her. *Read 1 Peter 3:7.* How can this be carried out? The husband is responsible for setting rules for his household, receiving input from his wife as that help so that she is well aware of the household rules and her husband's expectations as she guides the house. *Read 1 Timothy 5:14 and Proverbs 31:26-27.* Without this important aspect in the family, the husband subjects himself to losing his helpful

companion, but it is the will of God that husband and wife is with each other unto death. *Read Romans 7:1 and 1 Corinthians 7:39.*

### **HELPS FOR GROWING THE MARRIAGE**

God has intended for marriage to be a lifetime commitment to be enjoyed. Husband and wife can have a joyous relationship even during those trying times when going through various adversities in life. Knowing that the man and wife are companions in tribulation and supporting each other adds to that joyous relationship. It is strongly urged upon man and wife to keep their communications open and to keep their private business as such. Keeping God between the marriage at all times, keeping lines of communications open and honest, having the God-given love, cherishing the vows unto death and keeping true one to the other will strengthen and preserve a prosperous marriage.

### **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

**REPENT, BE BAPTIZED, AND RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST.**

**THE NEW BIRTH** The new birth is a spiritual birth consisting of water and spirit, and does not refer to receiving a new natural birth. *St. John 3:3-7 reads: Jesus*

*answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him. How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

**STEPS TO SALVATION** Step **1-REPENT** confess and ask God's forgiveness, becoming godly sorrowful for your sins. The entire human family is born in sin and has committed sin. *Read Psalm 38:17-18, Acts 3:19.*

**STEP 2-BE BAPTIZED** be immersed in literal water, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission (meaning to be pardoned, forgiven or released from a debt) of sins. *Read Romans 6:3-4, St. Luke 12:50 and St. Mark 16:16.*

**STEP 3-RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST** call on the name of the Lord until his spirit comes into your heart, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the spirit of God gives utterance. *Read Acts 1:5 and 2:4.* Then live a holy life. *Read Romans 12:1, Acts 2:38-42.* Joining a church, bowing your head and making a profession of faith does not save. Accepting Christ as

your personal Savior is a must however it is not all that must be done. *Hebrews 11:6 reads: But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* Anyone who fails to accept this-God's plan of salvation, will remain a sinner and be lost in their sins. *Romans 6:23 reads: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* It is with sincere hope that God will help you to see his plan of salvation today, for *2 Peter 3:9 reads: ...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

## **WOMEN DRESSING IN MODEST APPAREL**

### **MUST WOMEN DRESS IN MODEST APPAREL? (1 Timothy 2:9)**

Women as saints of God will desire to dress differently from the fashions and customs of worldly women. <sup>1</sup> *Timothy 2:9 reads: In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array...* Modest is known as not flashy or loud; not excessive or extreme in cost; of

average quality and decent. Costly array is known as expensive. *1 Peter 3:3-5 reads: Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, and that which is not corruptible, even the anointment of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:*

*Deuteronomy 22:5 reads: The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God. The wearing of jewelry and the like is condemned in Isaiah 3:18-23 which reads: In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, The rings, and nose jewels, The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.*

**WOMEN PRAYING OR**  
**PROPHESYING**  
**MUST WOMEN WEAR HEAD COVERING?**  
*(1 Corinthians 11:5)*

**HEAD COVERING IS MORE THAN HAIR  
COVERING**

Many do not know that the word of God is against every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered. Prophecy means to reveal by divine inspiration and is assured to occur just as prophesied. *1 Corinthians 11:5-6 reads: 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. A woman having hair on her head cannot pray without her hair. It is very clear that the scripture is referring to an additional covering. 1 Corinthians 11:15 reads: But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. Even though a woman's hair is a covering on her head, and is a permanent covering which cannot be taken off or put on at will the woman will always be covered and will not be able to pray or prophesy uncovered. So, this being the*

case how can a woman pray or prophesy with her head uncovered? The meaning of this scripture is that a woman praying or prophesying must have some type of an additional covering (i.e., hat, scarf, etc.) on her head when praying or prophesying. A man's hair is a covering for him also, but the word is against a man praying with his head covered. *1 Corinthians 11:4 reads: Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.* Since the man's natural hair cannot be taken off or put on at will he is not to pray with any additional covering (i.e., hat, scarf, etc.) on his head. *1 Corinthians 11:7 reads: 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.* It is with sincere hope that you will gain understanding of truth as you read the scriptures.

## **WOMEN PREACHERS**

**Does God choose women to preach the Gospel?**

**NO!**

God has never called or sent a woman to preach the gospel and never will. *1 Timothy 2:11-12 reads: Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.* *1 Corinthians 14:34-35 reads: Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not*

*permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. Read Isaiah 3:12.*

Some use the scriptures in *Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17 and 21:9* to justify themselves to preach. *Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17* speak of prophesying. The prophecy pertaining to a woman is revealing by divine inspiration and is assured to occur just as prophesied. It is not given a woman to preach, teach, or speak before the congregation in any way as to interpret the scriptures. *Numbers 27:16 reads: Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation.* The aged women are instructed in *Titus 2:3-5* which reads: *The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

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