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When the Word Rules: Submission that Builds the Body
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1 Corinthians 1:25 – For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Uncommon Sense – *“God’s Wisdom over man’s pride through a Flawed Church.”*

[CALL TO HEAR]

1 Corinthians 14:20-33 ESV

³³For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. ³⁵If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

³⁶Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? ³⁷If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.

³⁸If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰But all things should be done decently and in order.

Pastor – “People of God, this is the Word of God.”

People – “Thanks be to God.”

Pray

Illustration

Well after our State of the Union address this past week (Article 2/Section 3), I was feeling a little patriotic so I wanted to use as an opening illustration of something that should be dear to all of us, the Constitution. The Constitution is a document created on September 17, 1787, signed by 39 of the 55 delegates of the Constitutional Convention, and put into effect on **March 4, 1789** (this year 237 years it has provided peace). Since that creation it has been the supreme law of the land. No person can supersede it, no popular opinion can overthrow it, and no law can counteract it. It is a document that is timeless, as in there are no time stamps that give it life, once brought forth



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into creation it could not and cannot be undone. The only way to overthrow this *'will of the people'* one must overthrow the country. It is connected to the American people, whether you like it or not, like a skeleton. You may not like how it shapes you, but if you were to get rid of it, you would collapse. If you were to alter it in any way, then one would be deformed and lose one's functionality.

In an attempt to simplify what it does, let me break down into my own, crude criteria.

First, the Constitution gives **Care**, and we benefit from it when we are brought under its' oversight. It forms us into a *More Perfect Union* (separate states become a powerful united body), *Establishes Justice* (creating a fair legal system), it *Insures Domestic Tranquility* (maintains the peace in the land), it *Provides for the Common Defense* (protects us from foreign threats), it *Promotes General Welfare* (supports the citizen's well-being), and *Secures the Blessings of Liberty* (protecting freedoms of current and future generations).

Second, the Constitution, the Will of the People, gives **Cause**, as to why do you exist, as a country. It establishes a form of Self-Government; from its' very beginning with the statement "*We the People*". This establishes that the power of the government comes from its' citizens rather than a Monarch. Instead, it gives us a Representative Democracy (Senate and House members) and provides for its' people the right to vote. You exist because it exists, it gives Causation.

Lastly, the Constitution gives **Clarity**, that is how this whole thing is going to work. It works to define how no single entity will become too powerful or tyrannical for it restricts governing authority. It tells of the Separation of powers, defining the split between the legislative (make the laws), the executive (enforces the laws), and the judicial (interprets the laws). It defines the checks and balances of power like the power of a *'Veto'* or the Supreme Court to declare something unconstitutional. Lastly, it clarifies *Federalism*, that is, it makes sure to define the powers between the federal and the state. It brings Clarity as to how we function as *we the people*.



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Introduction

That Constitution would not exist though if it were not for an older document called the **Canon of Scripture**. The Canon was first debated on in the late 300 A.D.s and by 397 A.D. the 27 books of the NT were agreed upon and settled at the Councils of Hippo and Carthage. Then in the 1600s the Reformers separated out the Apocrypha from the OT keeping to the traditional and universally accepted 39 books of the OT. This **Canon**, or what we call today the Bible, is the basis for our early father's beliefs. It was where they got their ideas of Justice and Liberty from, and from its' pages they were taught the evil of tyranny upon a people. The Constitution only makes sense and will keep its' power if the Canon exists. **If you want to diminish the power of the Constitution you don't attack it, you attack the position of the Bible in the culture.** Folks that's why every week there must be an emphasis somewhere in the sermon that declares what happens in the public square is important to every Christian, now and in the generations to come.

Now while I cannot assure you about the rate of secularization, feminism, communism, theological liberalism, and the pagan trajectory of our land, I can offer you some good news. The Good news for all of God's people is that your freedom, your existence, your welfare, does not rest with the Constitution, rather it is established in the never ending, all sufficient, inerrant, and all authoritative Word of God, the Canon! Whether the people of our land like it or leave it, God will always have an elect few that will continue because of it, God's Word never dies, therefor God's people will always be!

Now the point is how do you know you are a part of the people of God? One of the most telling quality traits of a person that has been born into the Freedom of God, that is the new birth of the Spirit, is they are **Submissive to God's Word**. The Father's children hear the voice of their God, and they respond in turn.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 ESV

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.



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Psalm 25:12-13 ESV

Who is the man who fears the Lord?

Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

Submission preserves the elect, submission is the duty of man, submission shows the wisdom of they who fear the Lord, submission ensures much needed care for you and your descendants. This is what it comes down to in 1 Corinthians 14 today. After the rebuking, the sarcasm, the debating, and the pleading, it all comes down to this. Those that are truly the elect of God WILL BE the ones that Submit to His Word.

MP

God's Word provides care, cause, and clarity by proper submission.

In Paul's final words on using one's gifts for edification to build up, and conviction for the loss, Paul gives some final thoughts on whether this will go well for those reading this letter. Will the recipients adhere and submit to the Apostolic teachings based on the OT law; or will they reject it for the pagan will of the people? Will they receive the care, cause, and clarity that only can be provided by God's Word, or will they choose to strike out on their own without His provision?

I have three things that the text will show us how and why we should want to submit to God's Word. The first is **Submit to God's Word for Order and Peace**, this is where we see the **Care** of God in our lives. God's care for His people is doled out when we submit to the order He established. Secondly, **Submit to God's Word to Avoid Shame**, God has established in the very beginning the **cause** of our existence; He made us, defined our roles, and established our lives, and it is shameful when we reject His right ways. Lastly, **Submit to God's Word to be Acknowledged**. God provides **clarity** to the church as to who really is a child of God or not by how willing a person desires to submit to God's Word. The proof is in the pudding.

1. Submit to God's Word for Order and Peace. (Care)



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33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

That's where we landed last week and that is a good place to start this week. It is the top piece of bread of our theological sandwich this week. Now let's jump to the end of this chapter to find that other piece of theological bread.

40 But all things should be done decently and in order.

So yes, our whole conversation we are about to get into today about women and their role in the church, when it comes to authority and teaching, is shaped by these two verses. Along with that we can add the topic of tongues we just tackled over the last two weeks because this topic of women in the church was tagged onto the tongue's debacle. As a matter of fact, it might allude to who might be doing it.

The point is the top piece of this theology is the recognition that God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. And that bottom piece of theology, to say that all things therefore should be done decently and in order is to say we are to **reflect God's character**. That means everything we do in the church, from how we conduct ourselves, to how we use our gifting for the body, is to display God's character not our depravity. We model God not culture.

You see culture right now always points out the **pragmatic approach** to thinking, not God's way of thinking. I was reading an article again on Thursday from a pleasant but deceived young lady whose argument for women preachers was to point out the pragmatics of it. If the church is about love, and if a woman has the gift of teaching, then the logical conclusion would be to let her preach. Sounds great but that is the same philosophical argument for if a man likes to wear a skirt, and if he desires men in a sexual way, then we should let him call himself a woman. It is all based on what the individual wants and the pragmatics of the moment in culture, not on God's Word. Basing our decision making on God's order brings peace to the church, it will not seem pragmatic, but it will be the choice that best promotes God's character.



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Order comes from what God established in the beginning, in the *Canon* of the OT. God is a God of order and the things that the NT church is to follow is because God does not change, and he has already laid out for us His character and desires in the OT. The OT establishes the frame for the Canon.

To discover the lure of pragmatism, currently, turn with me all the way back to Genesis 3. We know this story, Creation, everything good, creation of man very good, God made man first to place into subjection all of creation. It was then that Eve was given as a helper, an equal participant, but placed under the headship of Adam. The serpent shows up, he lies, he offers the **pragmatic idea** that if you listen to me, you will get what you want quicker/easier for you really want to be like God don't you? There is a fall and because of sin there are subsequent curses. The serpent is cursed in chapter 3, verse 13 and 14, and even 15. The man is cursed in verses 17, 18, 19. But the woman is cursed in verse 16, and here we will focus in. ¹⁶*To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*

As a result of the fall she bears two curses, both are universal, that is they are passed down to all of the female sex. First, pain in child birthing is both physical and emotional, for women I believe suffer more than men do because of their emotional involvement/enmeshment with their children. Second, they will have a desire for their husband, it means she will want control over him, but instead he will rule over her. This is at the heart of feminism, the desire to rule over all, it was the sin allowed to run unchecked in our culture, it has nothing to do with fairness/equality but has everything to do with original sin.

God's order after the fall, was not to change ordained positionings, was not to look at the roles pragmatically, but was to enforce the creational order that woman was made for man.

As Paul first stated already in this letter:

1 Corinthians 11:3 ESV

³But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.



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Paul solidifies this order in his letter to Ephesus.

Ephesians 5:22-24, 31-33 ESV

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Submission to God's Word means understanding it's **sin to reject God's order**; it rejects God's preordained care over us. Women will have a desire to rule over men and men will have a desire to give his headship up to have peace in the home. That's the pragmatic approach, *if momma aint happy no one is happy*. That may be so in a worldly sense, but that is the lie first told by serpent in the garden to Eve. It's all about how you feel Eve, isn't it? God has never laid aside the order He began with, and both of His creations, man and women, are sanctified to look like Christ by submitting to God's Word and claiming their proper roles in the relationship.

What does this have to do with women in authoritative teaching positions in the church? Everything, for the church models creation being made up of couples, and every relationship in the church should be submitting to God's Word. That submission displays God's wisdom from the beginning and that blessings come through rightful ordered relationships. He establishes peace in the homes of believers that practice proper headship, it is the way in which He cares for them.

We submit to God's Word for order and peace, it is the way in which we receive His care.

2. Submit to God's Word to Avoid Shame.

(Cause)



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^{33b} ...As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴ the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.

Something to point out here, first things first, in v.33, in case anyone ever uses the argument that this was solely a reprimand for the Corinthian church, what Paul is stating here is something that existed in all the churches, "**as in all the church of the saints**" (33). This is standard operating procedure, the way the Canon was being read, accepted, and taught is the same everywhere. It is not a pragmatic approach; it doesn't work for just one group in one place and not for another group in a different town. We submit to God's Word universally for God is the God of all, He is the cause – not our will, not our need, not our desires, but God's will.

This teaching here is also demonstrated and codified in another church, Ephesus. Where Paul was giving Timothy specific instructions on how women should conduct themselves in the church.

1 Timothy 2:11-15 ESV

¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Not only is there doubling down on the command for women to be silent, but there is further explanation on why it is that way. Paul states that "**the law also says**" (34), that is an inference to the creational order. Genesis is in the Torah, the Torah gives the proper roles and relationships for all people, the Torah IS the law of Israel, therefore it IS the revealed will of God for the church, and it is to be obeyed by all saints, universally. **Can women talk PJ in church?** Yes of course they can, they can even teach, they just can't do it in a way that subjects the men in the church to their authority, as in the role of an elder or deacon.



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There is a HUGE ministry for women to teach one another, as in they understand their own curse in a different way than us men do, so there is a need for them to speak into each other's hearts. They are also extremely talented at helping young minds absorb the truths about God as He has created them to be nurturers to children. This is a great blessing to the church, but it is specific, and it is as God has ordered. This though isn't the situation in Corinth, they were going around God's will.

It seems they were speaking out, during the services, questioning the teachings, to the point that it was breaking the normal boundaries of their marriage relationships. It was going around the authority of their husbands and fathers in the church.

³⁵ If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

It was αἰσχρὸς (*aischros*), ἄ (*a*), ὄν (*on*): adj.; **disgraceful**, shameful (1Co 11:6; 14:35; Eph 5:12; Tit 1:11+).¹

It was a disgrace, the word almost has a lewd connotation to it, as in it should never be seen in public like someone's nakedness. It disgraces both the man and the woman when she breaks the God given order of the relationship and speaks out where it is the man's place to do so. She disgraces her man by not going to him for clarification and displays a disdain for his headship. It is the same word that Paul uses in 1 Cor 11:6 to describe the women that would not cover their heads, to try and promote an equality of position with men in the church. This is the Greek feministic movement of its' day. Women were enjoying the new Hellenistic democratic society by trying to garner the same authority as men. BTW that wasn't the norm, and most gentiles did not approve of that. The Gospel though was establishing the **gifted equality of women**, protecting them by bolstering the man's headship to love her sacrificially, not owning her like property.

¹ It was **156** αἰσχρὸς (*aischros*), ἄ (*a*), ὄν (*on*): adj.; ≡ DBLHebr 8273; Str 150 & 149; TDNT 1.189—LN 88.150 **disgraceful**, shameful (1Co 11:6; 14:35; Eph 5:12; Tit 1:11+). James Swanson, [Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek \(New Testament\)](#) (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).



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Paul says the Greek way, the Corinth way, it is disgraceful, shameful for a woman to act like a man, or in place of a man, in public, even if pragmatism calls for it. It is a shame that men have let this go on for so long in our day. That they have let women lead in every area of society to the point that now our government, our educational system, and our capital ventures were taken over by emotionally driven policies called DEI² (feelings-based control measures) during the past decade. It has spilled into everything, and both sexes are at fault. It will be to the Glory of God alone when the church begins to replace these false images again, and support God's right order in the home, church, and workplace.

Let us thank God family, that Jesus has yes removed our shame for when we have been negligent in our duties. Ladies thank Jesus that He has removed your need to rule over men, because it was His desire to have a man lead you, you aren't weak, this is how you how you are strong, in faith like Sarah as she was submissive to an imperfect man like Abraham ([1 Peter 3:5-6](#)). Your beauty shines through your patient love with your man.

We thank God men, that Jesus has removed our shame, for when we neglected to lead in the homes, church, and workplace. Men, just because Jesus has given you a strong and smart wife does not mean she does not need your care, that is how she is to flourish and grow. The result of Jesus in your life is you help her to become even better in her proper role, it is the woman that serves her household well as we see in Proverbs 31:

Proverbs 31:23-25 & 30 ESV

- ²³ Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
- ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

² DEI stands for **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**. It is a conceptual framework, policy, or set of programs designed to promote the fair treatment and full participation of all people, particularly groups that have historically been underrepresented or discriminated against based on identity or background.



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³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

The woman is known in the city because of how she conducts herself in the home, it is a non-shameful way, that is what makes the man known. Men your reputation, your swag, is not tied up in what you do, but in how well you develop /love your wife!

Men I implore you, spend at least as much time developing your wife, trying to answer her questions about God, building her up in the admonitions of God, and she will bring you the praise you desire in the places where you live. But it will be the way that Christ earned praise, by the slow deliberate self-sacrificial love for His bride, the church.

Ladies honor God by keeping silent in the church during our gatherings, and men love your wives by giving them the Word when you are home. Let all people submit to God's Word to avoid bringing shame to each other.

3. Submit to God's Word to be Acknowledged. (Clarity)

³⁶ Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?

For those that have argued for speaking in tongues, those of you that fought for the right for gender neutral roles in the church, I'm sorry did you bring God's Word into reality? Are you the only ones that have received special revelation? All the churches have been given the same word (33b) for it did not originate with them but with the Apostles. To try and even assert the notion that you got it right shows pride, ignorance, and contempt for other churches that seek to submit to God's Word rightly. You see family we are not the offensive; we are not the offenders, the liberal minded churches of our day that hold us in disdain, they have acted shameful, they rejected the Apostle's teachings, they have done the offending. There is **nothing to apologize for** especially when it comes to [complementarianism](#) and God's proper roles in the church. Perhaps we may need to stop calling these *religious liberal pragmatic bodies* churches,



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for ignoring God's teachings, the Apostle's teachings, they show they know not God.

³⁷ If anyone thinks that **he** is a prophet, or spiritual, **he** should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, **he is not recognized.**

Paul in his closing comments does a couple of things. First, he dismisses the perceived right of the ladies in the church, and he addresses the men. God has given the order and so it is to the men he speaks. Paul uses the pronoun "he" 3 times and it is not in spite towards the ladies. He is putting the ownness of responsibility on the man to do the checking and the disciplining. He is establishing the order of the church by placing the weight of leadership on the man. It is also on the man where the rod of correction will come down if Paul is not listened to.

Paul has already stated and upheld his authority up to this point. In 1 Corinthians 7: 10 *"To the married I give this charge **(not I, but the Lord):** the wife should not separate from her husband"* Paul speaks for God as His Apostle. Therefore, if any man in the church of Corinth is a true believer, and has the true gift of prophecy (teaching), that man should acknowledge these things are from the Lord. IF NOT, if they refuse to recognize these truths they are not recognized/acknowledged by God. They are not saved...

Psalm 1:6 ESV

for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Ladies do you see the pressure of headship? We have to weigh everything that is said by anyone who claims to be a teacher of God and acknowledge whether it is of the Apostle's teachings or not. When I fail to do so I am at risk of God not acknowledging me as one of His own. God's saved man is a man that assumes the responsibility of leadership in his home, over his family, and that is displayed in the church. Submission to God's Word is critical if we want to be acknowledged by God.



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³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

Ok last word from Paul on this matter, because you can't walk away from rightful order, men need to ensure prophecy/teaching happens above all, but it better happen in accordance with the Apostles teaching, not pragmatic or felt needs. AND speaking in tongues, other known languages, yeah it is a good thing, just do it the right way, 2 at most 3 at a gathering, always with an interpreter, always in accordance with established prophecy/Apostolic doctrine. Because God's people conduct themselves in an ordered way for God is a God of order and peace. ⁴⁰ **But all things should be done decently and in order.** We who submit to God's teaching will be acknowledged by God as His and will inherit the care and clarity that God's Word brings our lives.

[CALL TO OBEY]

Husbands and Fathers take up the call to teach at home.

God charges men to shepherd their households (1 Cor. 14:35; Eph. 5:25-27). Set a fixed rhythm for family worship: daily Scripture, prayer, psalm/hymn, brief catechism (The Baptist Catechism; LBCF 22, 26). Prepare to answer your wife's and children's questions at home; if you do not know an answer, study and ask your elders. Put on the calendar: Lord's Day afternoon review of the sermon; midweek catechism; nightly prayer.

Women adorn yourself with the Ministry of the Gospel.

In the public gatherings embrace quiet learning and submission to church order (1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:11-12). Outside the assembly's authoritative teaching moment, lean into Titus 2 ministry: teach and disciple women and children, cultivate prayer chains, hospitality, and mercy. Ask your husbands at home; encourage them to lead; support the elders' guardrails. This is strength, not weakness; it displays God's order and peace.

Church Guard the Apostolic Teachings with Courageous Clarity.

Elders must teach and enforce biblical order; the congregation must uphold them. Do not recognize as valid any doctrine or practice that Scripture does not recognize (1 Cor. 14:38). In the public square, speak for creational norms



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and the goodness of ordered homes and churches. Let our decency and order be a living apologetic: a people governed by the Prince of Peace.

MP:

God's Word provides cause, clarity, and care by proper submission.

May we all today increase one more degree in our submissiveness to Christ and His Word. May the world see and acknowledge that we have truly found something that is worthy of worship. May our actions display a denying of self so that Christ becomes imminent in all.

Prayer

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Today when you eat of the bread remember the life of Jesus which was lived for us. Through His obedience in life Jesus displayed the plain and authoritative teaching of scripture. He epitomized His own teachings, *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God* (Mat 4:4). When we refused to submit to God's Word Jesus'-perfect submission earned us our righteousness. Praise be to our King who loved God and us with perfect obedience.

Today when you drink the juice remember the cost of our sin displayed by His blood for the new covenant. When the law taught us the wages of sin, we feigned ignorance, we chose rebellion, and we insulted the law giver. We rejected His perfect Word, we believed the lie like Eve that we exist to be



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pleased, and we sent the law codifier to an unjust death. He endured what we were owed so that we could be graced with a new heart, enabling us to finally submit. His blood bought us a new chance for life! Thanks be to our High Priest for His eternal intercessory love!

[CONFESSION OF FAITH]

* The Congregation will stand

Elder – **“Christians, what do we believe?”** Congregation – recites:

LBCF 1689 Chapter 26 Of the Church Paragraph 5. The Purpose of Local Churches

To carry out the authority given to him, the Lord Jesus calls people out of the world who are given to him by his Father through the ministry of his word, by his Spirit. 9 He calls them to walk before him in all the ways of obedience that he prescribes for them in his Word. 10 He commands all who are called to walk together in local congregations, or churches, to edify one another and participate in the elements of public worship that he requires from them while they are in the world. 11

9. John 10:16; John 12:32

10. Matthew 28:20

11. Matthew 18:15-20

[OFFERING+LAST SONG] “Amazing Grace”

[BENEDICTION]

Go in the name of the Father, the giver of the Word, the basis for its’ authority, and guarantor that it will never change.

Go in the name of the Son, who is the living Word of God, and it is in this Word that we find life and find it abundantly.



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Go in the name of and power of the HS, who opens our eyes and causes us to submit to the Word, showing the world that God alone is worthy to be praised.

[FELLOWSHIP CONVERSATIONS]

1) God of Peace, People of Peace: Where do you see the character of God (peace, clarity, order) reflected—or lacking—in our gathered worship? Share one practical change that could make the service more edifying for all.

2) Zeal With Boundaries: In our context, what does it look like to be fervent for building others up while avoiding confusion or spectacle? Give a recent example of edifying, intelligible speech you witnessed at church.

3) Roles in the Assembly: How can we honor biblical order in public worship while encouraging robust participation from everyone within those bounds? What practices help women flourish biblically and visibly in the life of the church (Titus 2, service, discipleship, witness)?

4) Home as the Learning Hub: Verse 35 points learning back to the home. For households: what rhythms (family worship, catechism, sermon review) help husbands/heads lead and help wives/children ask and grow? For singles/widows: what church relationships can serve this purpose?

5) Submitting to Scripture: When personal preference collides with clear apostolic command (vv. 37–38), how should we respond as a body? Share a time when submitting to Scripture brought peace and unity rather than division.



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