

# THE HEART OF HEADCOVERING

## the meaning behind the symbol

Every symbolic object (or action) is designed to communicate a message.

A heart can symbolize love. A high-five shows affirmation & support.

Something physical is used to represent an invisible reality.

In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul promotes the symbol of Christian headcovering.

But what does headcovering symbolically point to? In verse 7, Paul connects the practice of headcovering to the topics of gender and glory. He teaches that man is "the glory of God" and "woman is the glory of man."

**The purpose of headcovering is to represent a focus on the glory of God.**

### WHEN I GOT MARRIED



When I got married, I put on a wedding ring. By wearing my ring, I am making a statement (symbolically) that I have a commitment to my spouse.

### WHEN I GOT SAVED



After I was saved, I got baptized. By doing so, I was making a statement (symbolically) that I identify myself with Jesus Christ.

### WHEN I PRAY



When I pray, I take my hat off in order to make a statement (symbolically) that God's glory is uncovered.

### WHEN MY WIFE PRAYS



When my wife prays, she puts on a covering in order to make a statement (symbolically) that man's glory is covered.

### GOD'S GLORY

Paul teaches that when we communicate with God, it is proper for His people to symbolically "uncover" the glory of Deity (man) while symbolically "covering" the glory of humanity (woman).

The Lord's glory is to be preeminent.