

# The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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## **Understanding a Misunderstood, Misquoted Passage**

Peter says some things that Paul wrote were hard to understand. It is true. But the following verses are crystal clear to those who want to know the mind of God.

**1 Corinthians 14:27-38**, "27 If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, **let him keep silence** in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, **let the first hold his peace**. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And **the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets**. 33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 34 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**. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for **it is a shame for women to speak in the church**. 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? 37 **If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are**

**the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."**

### **Things we Should Remember About this Passage**

1. The spirit of the prophets or those with spiritual gifts have control of the gift so there is no room "for not being silent" even if you had a spiritual gift. Why would He give an inspired gift or even a talent if you were to be in silence except when it is your appointed time to speak? **Women are not the only ones in this passage who are told to be silent. It is not any more restrictive on a talented woman than an inspired prophet or tongue speaker.**
2. **It is a universal command of an inspired apostle and applies to all churches** and therefore **there is no room for congregational autonomy** on the subject. **The elders cannot supersede** what an apostle bound in Heaven. The Chapter is the commands of God.
3. **The New Testament law does not permit women to be the teachers of men** but remain in obedience **as the Old Testament taught**. So, two laws forbade it.

The priests were the teachers of Israel and there were no women priests.

4. **They are not to teach by public interrogation, thereby becoming the teacher** instead of the designated teacher. She may do so to her own husband at home,

but she is not to become the leader by questioning the teacher. She is to learn quietly in the assembly.

5. **The inspired apostle says it is a shame for a woman to speak or teach in the Church. He who says it is not calls God's apostle a liar.** To reject him is to reject Christ.
6. This was written at a time when people were gifted with gifts of the Spirit, and **they are told to be silent**. I doubt seriously if women today, regardless of their education or knowledge, can defend themselves with the argument that women today are smarter. **Are they more knowledgeable than an inspired prophet or tongue speaker or have more wisdom than those with the gift of discernment?**
7. When some are ignorant there is no use trying to make them wise in this regard; because one cannot possibly misunderstand what the apostle said is God's commandment, except by prejudice thinking. **They are the bigots, not the ones trying to hold to God's command.**
8. Other translations speak much stronger in **verse 38**.  
**"If he rejects this he will be rejected."** NASB  
**"If he will not recognize this he will not be recognized."** RSV  
**"If anyone is without knowledge, don't be influenced by him."** George Swan.

**"If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored." NIV**

**"But if anyone disregards or does not recognize that is a command of the Lord, he is disregarded and not recognized. He is one whom God knows not." Amplified Bible.**

9. To make **verse 36** a question to just the men at Corinth by translating it as a rhetorical rebuke to men so that it appears to contradict what the Scripture says, some translate it like this, "What! Did the Word of God originate with you, **or are you men the only ones it has reached?**" **They add the word "men", but the question was to the whole Church, not just men.** The Corinthian church was out of order and Paul was trying to set the Church in order. **This is a good example of the dishonesty of the critics of Paul. Scripture says that one who adds to it will be found a liar, and so they are.** This was a commandment of God Himself.

10. One thing more should be noted. The **Galatians 3:28** passage which says, "There is neither male or female", etc. was written in 58 AD. It refers to salvation not job descriptions in the Church.

This passage we are looking at was written the next year in 59 AD and **1 Timothy 2:12** which forbids women to be teachers of men or have authority over men, was written in 65 AD.

Again, we see the **misuse of the meaning of Scripture and the disregard of when a passage was written.** This will cause you to not rightly divide the Word of Truth.

We believe it may be well for the reader to read Brother Terry Carter's article called, "*Women Teachers – A Satire*" July subscription Volume 27 #3. It exposes the new brotherhood's defense of allowing women to assume roles teaching and exercising authority over men.