

Living a Christ-Centered Life
The Role of Women in Church

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

- I. Paul's eschatological understanding of women is found in his earliest letter to the Galatians (2:26-28).

- II. Paul's teaching, taken as a whole, was liberating for the role of women in family and community life when compared to first century customs.

- III. Paul still maintained a cultural sensitivity (or tension) that attempted to balance current cultural customs with the liberating freedom of the gospel of Jesus.

- IV. We need to guard against judging Paul according to 21st Century customs.

- V. Ultimately, Paul places priority on the advancement of the gospel within culture and critiques culture from a missiological perspective. (How does our behavior aid or harm the advancement of the gospel of Jesus?)