Hair Length in the Bible

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There is a lot more contention around this issue than I was originally aware of, and that's what prompted me to write this. I'm going to go through the New Testament Scripture on the issue of hair length step-by-step, and then we'll address the arguments from some preachers teaching false doctrines.

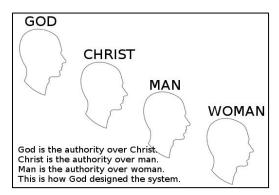
The length of your hair is not a determining factor in your salvation; meaning you're not going to hell based on the length of your hair, but it is a determining factor of Christ's authority over your earthly life. This issue is about authority, not saving grace. The length of our hair, man or woman, is an outward physical sign of our submission to the authority over us as Christians, and if we choose to rebel against Christ's doctrines, being contentious with our brethren over such a simple issue, we are not worthy of being part of the Body of Christ.

Paul, through inspiration of the Lord Jesus Christ (as a reminder in case Christians forget whose authority this comes from), wrote the following in 1 Corinthians 11:

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. -1 Corinthians 11:1-2

Paul is getting ready to explain to us one of the ordinances he gave to the Body of Christ in Corinth. And we should note that Paul also keeps this ordinance, which is why he told them to follow after what he does because he does directly what Christ instructs him.

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. -1 Corinthians 11:3-4



God is the authority (head) over Christ, Christ is the authority over man, and man is the authority over woman. This is how God designed the system to work, and **if you don't like it, then go find some pagan god to serve**. (That's what the world typically does; find a god that suits their personal tastes.) The Lord God has given us a role to perform, and so we should do so accordingly, whether we like it or not.

honor (v): to revere; to treat with deference and submission (See 'honor', American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster, 1828, retrieved Jan 27, 2014 [webstersdictionary1828.com])

Often, Christians read 1Co 11:4 and think that one is dishonoring his *OWN* head, but remember that the word 'head' is referred to in two different ways in these passages. There is the head your hair grows on, and there is a head that is an authority figure. In context, when Paul says "dishonoureth his head," he is not referring to one's own head, but rather, to the authority figure over oneself, meaning that **if a man goes to God in prayer and/or prophesying (rebuking from Scripture) with long hair, he refuses to revere and submit to the Lord Jesus Christ**.

(Read "Is the One-Pastor Church System Biblical?" here at creationliberty.com for more details about the role of a prophet.)

Here, we have a similar situation for women; **if she prays or rebukes from Scripture with short hair**, then she dishonors her head, which is the man, and because the head of man is Christ, **she** in turn **refuses to revere and submit to the Lord Jesus Christ**. Hair length is not about efficiency. When a man cuts his hair, he is submitting to Christ, and when a woman keeps her hair long, she is submitting to Christ.

I've heard people give their opinions for many years about how they like certain lengths of hair on men or women, but our opinions and feelings are *IRRELEVANT* to this topic. The focus of the Scripture here is submission to Christ in our actions.

At the end of verse five, if a woman cuts her hair short enough that it does not cover her head, it's the same as if she shaved her head.

For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but <u>if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven,</u>
let her be covered. -1 Corinthians 11:6

Paul is proving a point here, saying that if the woman has her hair short enough not to cover her head, then she might as well shave it all off at that point because it has lost its true purpose, but almost all the women I've ever seen or talked to are embarrassed to have their head shaved. And that's the second point he's making in the second half of the verse, that if she is ashamed of having her head shaved, then let it be long enough to cover her head.

For <u>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</u>. For <u>the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man</u>. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. -1 Corinthians 11:7-9

God was not created for man (He is not created at all; He's eternal), but man was created for God. Christ was not created for the Church (He is not created at all; He's eternal), but the Church was created for Christ. And man did not come from woman, but a piece of Adam was taken to create Eve as a helpmeet, therefore the woman should be in submission to the man's authority (or head) over herself, and by doing so, she is in submission to Christ.

For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. -1 Corinthians 11:10

Because there are so many <u>false converts</u> in the new-age church buildings around America, this verse has been misinterpreted to mean all sorts of wild things. The power being referred to here is not "power in hair," but power in the authority she submits unto, which is Christ.

Concerning the angels, remember that the mainstream media interpretation of heaven, where angels are just floating around with harps, is not true.

And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? -Hebrews 1:10-14

Angels do not minister to those who reject Christ; those who refuse to submit to His authority, and thus, angels will minister to those born-again women who have submitted to the authority over them. Even when she submits to the authority of her husband when he does wrong, she is not held accountable for that, and is protected by the ministering angels unseen.

As women are reminded of their place, so too men are reminded of theirs:

Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. <u>For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman</u>; but all things of God. -1 Corinthians 11:11-12

Each of us need to remember the position we are in by examining ourselves first and foremost:

<u>Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves</u>. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? -2 Corinthians 13:5

Women: You are to be reminded that you were created for man to be a helpmeet.

Men: You are to be reminded that woman brought you forth in travailing pain.

But most importantly, we are to be reminded that all things are set this way by God.

For by him [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

-Colossians 1:16

For it is written, <u>As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me</u>, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. -Romans 14:11-12

Paul continues:

Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? <u>Doth not even nature itself teach</u> you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? -1 Corinthians 11:13-14



Paul is asking questions here to get us to reason these things out and muse on them, which is why he says "judge in yourselves." The word "nature" has many different meanings, and in our society in America today, we often think it to be with animals and plants, but nature in this context refers to the appearance of things, or in other words, as we witness men and women in society.

When men grow their hair long it becomes a point of ridicule because it's effeminate.

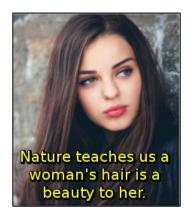
Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate... shall inherit the kingdom of God. -1 Corinthians 6:9-10

But when women grow it long, it becomes a point of beauty, which is why Paul continues to say:

But <u>if a woman have long hair, it is a glory</u> [beauty] <u>to her</u>: for her hair is given her for <u>a covering</u>. -1 Corinthians 11:15

Paul mentions broided (braided) hair length for women:

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; -1 Timothy 2:9



Peter also mentions the "plaiting" hair length:

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 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, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament 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: -1 Peter 3:1-5

Plaiting means braiding in this context; meaning women who are trying to style their hair in fancy ways to impress, instead of impressing by conversation in the Word of God.

I know some women get an attitude when reading these things, but it does not say it is of high value to men; it says the meek and quiet spirit is of high value to the Lord Jesus Christ. One cannot plait (braid) her hair unless she has hair long enough to do that, reinforcing that women ought to keep their hair long to be in submission to God.

How long is long enough? No one is saying you need to grow your hair down to your ankles, but as long as your hair can cover your head, from the top to your chin, it should be acceptable, but if you're not sure, you can't go wrong with shoulder-length, which is long enough to braid.

As Christians, born-again in Christ, understanding precept upon precept, it should be basic understanding and simple reasoning that would tell us that men ought to have short hair, and women ought to have long hair, but it is not out of reason and understanding that men and women reject Paul's teaching here. They reject it out of pride and rebellion, and become contentious.

But <u>if any man seem to be contentious</u>, we have no such <u>custom</u>, neither the churches of God.

-1 Corinthians 11:16

In the Body of Christ, we do not carry on contention, especially over issues so clearly spelled out, like men cutting their hair. If any man is going to call himself "brethren in Christ," and refuses to cut his hair, he's being rebellious and contentious against the Word of God, and he is not worthy of being part of the church of God because he rejects Christ's authority over his life and bickers with Christians over it.

Let's look at a different example to get a full understanding of this: If a woman walked into a church building in her underwear, would you allow her to stay without addressing her on what the Bible says about modest apparel?

In like manner also, that <u>women adorn themselves in modest apparel</u>, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; -1 Timothy 2:9



Addressing a Christian woman who was not properly dressed in public means that you are addressing her on not being in submission to Christ's authority over her life. And likewise, addressing a Christian man on his long hair means that you are addressing him not being in submission to Christ's authority in his life.

The problem is not when the secular world does these things, because they are not born-again in Christ and it's typically what we expect them to do. But people who call themselves Christians and won't address the very simple issues of their hair are rebelling against the Word of God.

For <u>rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected</u>
<u>the word of the LORD</u>, he hath also rejected thee from being king. -1 Samuel 15:23

If we lived in a world without scissors or other sharp objects to cut our hair with, I could understand Christian men having long hair, but thankfully, that's not the case. Again, this issue comes down to authority, not fashion.

NOTE: You are not going to hell because you didn't cut your hair the right way. We are not saved of works. You don't go to hell because you drank alcohol. You don't go to hell because you celebrated Christmas. However, these actions reject the authority of Christ over our lives, and if we are His children, He will chasten us for those things, and with chastening comes punishment.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. -Revelation 3:19

We can bring curses into our own lives because we refuse to follow God's Word. And if you aren't getting chastened for what you're doing wrong, consider that you may not be a child of God.

But <u>if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.</u>
-Hebrews 12:8

Not only are there preachers and teachers out there, men with long hair and women with short hair, leading by rebellious example, but they also directly teach false doctrine in attempt to justify themselves.

Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.

-Jeremiah 28:15-16

For example, a website called "godwords.org" teaches women it's acceptable to God to have short hair:

"Paul's instructions had nothing to do with cutting your hair, and everything to do with living in Corinth... Paul didn't teach that women should have long hair. He taught, as was the custom of the day, that women should cover their heads while praying or prophesying."

-Tony Scialdone, "Should Christian Women Have Long Hair?" *GodWords*, Nov 5, 2013, retrieved Apr 15, 2015, [godwords.org/950/should-christian-women-have-long-hair]

As you can see, this author (Tony) states that Paul didn't teach anything about long hair on women, but we just read 1Co 11:15 that mentions that her hair is given to her for a covering, that same covering the author's talking about when Paul mentions women praying or prophesying. In his teaching, Tony only quotes from 1Co 11:5, and quotes nothing else in the chapter -- he only quotes from it to take one verse out of its context, which is a very common strategy you'll see when reading false teachers like this.

Another strategy Tony uses is common among those who try to justify men with long hair and women with short hair, they refer back to the Nazarite vow. Ignoring that he refers to the wrong location in Scripture, and that he uses a new-age "bible" version, Tony is trying to quote from Numbers 6:

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate themselves unto the LORD... All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. -Numbers 6:1-5

So here's the argument: Because Nazarites took a vow unto God where women shaved their heads at the beginning and end of the vow, therefore, Christian women can have short hair.

It seems people are not looking for a Bible study as much as they're looking for an excuse because I have never witnessed one of these Christian women with short hair ever take a Nazarite vow, but this false teacher is willing to deceive these women to give them a justification.

The Nazarite vow was a specific vow that was done by the Jews in sanctifying themselves away from sin and temptation, being set apart wholly to God. The rest of society did not operate according to those specific rules. A couple of points to consider:

- 1. Paul does not refer to the Nazarite vow anywhere in 1Co 11.
- 2. Jews that took the Nazarite vow only did so for a limited time ("until the days be fulfilled"), and then cut their hair as normal afterwards.

Paul took a Nazarite vow:

And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow. -Acts 18:18

Some believe this is not the Nazarite vow since it does not specify the Nazarite vow specifically, but there is no other vow in Scripture that consisted of shaving one's head for a sign, so it's obvious this is referring to the Nazarite vow. However, this vow was a sign for the Jews he was preaching to in Ephesus, and the vow would have a time limit to it. After the vow was over, Paul would keep his hair short as he taught to the church in Corinth because he kept his hair short in submission to God outside of the Nazarite vow, as he told them:

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ... remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you... the head of every man is Christ... Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. -1 Corinthians 11:1-4

I'd also like to point out that it never mentions how long Paul took the vow, or any other information other than he took it and shaved his head at the start like he was supposed to. Yet, out of willful ignorance, authors like Tony use this as an excuse to help people justify themselves in their rebellion against the very simple instructions of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Another preacher, Danny Bunn, offers a false teaching on video in which he not only keeps his hair long in rebellion against Christ, but also tries to justify others to do the same. In his video, which opens with pictures of a long-haired boy and secular rock music, he starts off by saying:

"Salvation is in Jesus Christ, not in any other kind of issue; it's in him. When you're truly born-again of His Spirit, he'll make you a new creature."

-Danny Bunn, "Hair," ekkcom.net, retrieved Apr 15, 2015, [youtube.com/watch?v=irUnBXdBT5g&list=UU2YhPgrlXiMlbUUMbzzNmCA]

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. -2 Corinthians 5:17

This is true, but Danny does not want to walk in the newness of Christ, nor be subjected to Christ's authority over his life. Danny wants to walk in the ways of the world, and still claim to be a new creature.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: -Colossians 2:6

For ye were sometimes darkness, but <u>now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light</u>: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

-Ephesians 5:8-10

Danny's long hair is not a glory to him, as Paul stated in 1Co 11, it's shame unto him. And Danny glories in his shame:

O ye sons of men, <u>how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity</u>, and seek after leasing? Selah. -Psalm 4:2

Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. -Philippians 3:19

There are a number of things in Danny's teaching (from the above reference link to his video teaching) that are suspicious, and though I won't be quoting him directly due his sporadic speech he uses in the presentation (i.e. it's hard to pull out a direct quote), I will address a number of the excuses he attempts to use to justify his own rebellion against Christ. For example, he quotes a man writing him explaining to Danny what I had covered earlier from 1Co 11, about the line of authority from God, to Christ, to man, to woman, and Danny says: "I didn't figure that out," and in context he's saying he didn't understand it, but even though he doesn't have understanding of it, he decides to teach on the issue anyway. (Wouldn't it be Biblical and reasonable to first gain understanding before teaching?)

Danny argues that a missionary let his hair grow long to reach the Chinese, but first of all, Danny is not trying to reach the Chinese, so what does that have to do with Danny's long hair? He also gives all sorts of credentials about this evangelist, and saying the evangelist is highly respected among preachers, but is this evangelist our final authority in all matters of faith and practice, or is the Word of God our final authority?

Finally, I've had people tell me of evangelists handing out beers to the homeless to reach them, but that doesn't make it Biblical. We can't reach people with the Gospel of Christ when we refuse the authority of Christ over our lives at the same time.

I once had someone write me a letter trying to justify his "Christian" rock music, and I asked him if someone was trying to reach witches with the Gospel of Christ, would he/she need to adopt witchcraft and participate in it in order to reach them? He told me that would be perfectly Biblical to practice witchcraft to share the Gospel, which is a complete contradiction of Scripture.

(Read "What's Wrong With Christian Rock?" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

If someone wants to reach people in a nudist colony, do they need to go nude themselves to reach them? How far does this go? One would have to go nude in order to preach to people that their nudity was an offense to God, which is totally hypocritical and contradictory, just as it is hypocritical and contradictory for a man to be preaching with long hair, and unless Danny has taken a Nazarite vow (which he does not claim to have done), then he's rejecting Christ's authority over his life.

Danny then claims that God does not look at the outward appearance, but at the heart. Exactly correct. I have never once said in this teaching that a man goes to hell if he has long hair, or a woman goes to hell if she has short hair, but I am saying that if a man or woman wants to claim to be born-again of Christ, and runs out to dress immodestly, adorn themselves with tattoos, and/or reject the hair length regulation Christ has set for us in His Word, then they are rejecting Christ's authority over their lives.

Looking closer into Danny's website, I found him promoting a huge number of wicked musicians and music; everything from wolf-in-sheep's clothing Amy Grant to Satanic musician Alice Cooper, who tries to act like he's a Christian, but has never repented. It seems Danny's true motivation is to justify the "Christian" rock crowed with their hippie hair, and trying to have Biblical conversation with that crowd has been extremely difficult because they typically think just about anything is okay with God as long as you slap a "Jesus" label on it.

The Appearance of Judgment

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. -John 7:24

Danny throws this verse at those who question his rebellious long hair. He is applying John 7:24 in this instance out of complete ignorance (willful I suspect, since we're talking about someone who preaches on a regular basis), and I'll show you how it is completely nonsensical in the context of his hair.

In John 7, Jews came to accuse Christ, and they wanted to kill him for his preaching, and he said to them:

My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. -John 7:16-18

He wasn't preaching of himself, like how Danny preaches about himself, trying to justify himself. Christ pointed out their hypocrisy:

Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? -John 7:19-20

The Jews were judging by appearance, thinking he was doing works of wonders because he was possessed with a devil. They were not judging according to righteous judgment.

Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. -John 7:22

They were not keeping the commandments of God, but accusing Christ of not keeping them. That's hypocritical judgment spoken of in Mat 7.

If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? -John 7:23

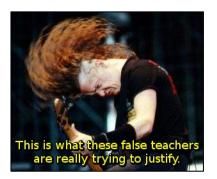
He was doing works of righteousness within the doctrines of the law and prophets. He hadn't actually done anything wrong. However, let's say Christ would have get drunk and then preach: then they would have had proper grounds to accuse Him because He was not following the righteousness of God, and thus His preaching would be ineffective.

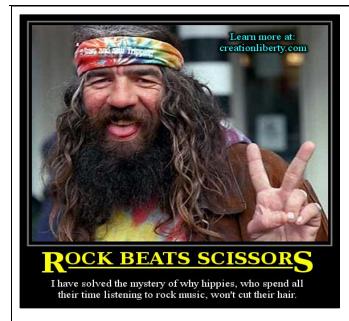
These people were not judging him according to the righteous actions he was doing, but they were judging according to how they wanted to see things. Thus, He said:

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. -John 7:24

In Danny's situation, we have a preacher directly rebelling against Christ's doctrines, and then telling people not to judge him according to the appearance, but the appearance he's portraying is in unrighteous rebellion.

Thus, we are judging him with righteous judgment, but he rejects it, and rejects rebuke and reproof (which I know because I've had personal email correspondence with him). Danny's not preaching of the Father in Heaven, he's preaching of himself, speaking of himself in his own imagined glory.





Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die. -Proverbs 15:10

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. -Proverbs 9:8

<u>Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may</u> <u>fear. -1 Timothy 5:20</u>

It's very interesting to note that it is quite common for those who attempt to justify their wicked rock music to also attempt to justify long hair on men.

(Read "What's Wrong With Christian Rock?" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

The judgment I exercise on Danny is not that he has long hair; it's that he claims to be born-again in Christ and has long hair, when the Bible clearly tells Christian men to keep their hair

short to be in submission to Christ. And worse still, he tries to justify himself with as many excuses as he can imagine. (Read "Unbiblical Cop-Outs: Don't Judge Me!" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

And he said unto them, <u>Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts</u>: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. -Luke 16:15

Danny says God looks at the heart, and this is absolutely true: God sees your heart when you try to justify yourself, and even try to twist God's Words to justify yourself into doing something you're not supposed to be doing. I see this all the time from "Christian" rockers (of whom Danny is one), Catholics, beer-drinkers, evolutionists, those who celebrate pagan holidays like Christmas, and even from men preaching with long hair who teach false doctrine in willful ignorance.

As a short warning, I recommend Christians watch out for most websites who teach on this issue because they typically use the "original Greek" scam, trying to shift around definitions to their liking using the corrupted Greek lexicons. Because of this, you'll find many different ways 1Co 11 is explained, and false converts will usually go find one that suits their personal tastes and accept it as "truth."

(Read "The 'Original Greek' Scam" here at creationliberty.com for more details -- take the test and see how you do.)

Here's another ministry that attempts to justify women in their short hair:

"QUESTION: Why do some women wear only long hair to church and if another women comes in with short hair, they really make them feel uncomfortable?

ANSWER: I am just as frustrated as you are in regards to people judging others whether it is their hair, or clothing or even how they behave before they get to know the individual and understand why or who they are... Wearing hair shorter or longer is a matter of personal choice. If you feel uncomfortable get away from those who make you feel that way or reassess why you do. Try asking them why they treat you differently."

-Barnabas Ministries, "Does the Bible Say Women Should Wear Only Long Hair?" biblestudy.org, retrieved Apr 18, 2015, [biblestudy.org/question/should-women-wear-only-long-hair.html]

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. -1 Corinthians 2:14-15

This is why Paul started out the letter to Corinth with these words, because he was about to go through a long list of things they were doing wrong in Corinth and rebuke them to set them straight, judging the matters with righteous judgment.

But this author, who remains completely anonymous and won't give his/her name on their website, says that one first needs to get to know an individual and understand who they are before you can assess the situation -- so let's apply that logic.

Let's say a teenage girl decides to attend a church building she's never been to, wearing only her underwear. Think about if you attended that church building, what would your initial response be? Typically, most Christians would instantly insist she cover herself, but wait a second... biblestudy.org says that you didn't get know her first, so you can't make judgments.

For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and <u>our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us;</u> and as for our iniquities, we know them... Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. -Isaiah 59:12-15

When I see a ministry that celebrates the Christmas pagan rituals and teaches other Christians to do the same (like biblestudy.org), or I see a ministry that uses corrupt new-age bible versions (like biblestudy.org), or teaches all manner of false doctrines (like biblestudy.org), according to biblestudy.org, I can't rebuke ministries (like biblestudy.org) in truth and righteous judgment because I didn't get to know them first. The point is that the argument they're making is unbiblical and illogical; if someone is doing wickedness is the sight of the Lord Jesus Christ, getting to know their personal character does not justify their wickedness.

Should we not Biblically judge Satan because we didn't get to know him first? If we have friendly chats with him, will that make Satan's actions justified?

One of the most common arguments for men with long hair comes from the story of Samson in the Bible, but Samson kept a Nazarite vow his whole life from birth. Samson said:

There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

-Judges 16:17

The apostate website by Johannes Jonsson, whose sole purpose is to justify his heavy metal rock music, states the following:

"Samson was a Nazirite from the moment he was born. He let his hair grow and didn't cut it... To sum it up we can see that God have nothing against men having long hair. So if you want to look real Metal, do as the Nazirites, grow your hair out and grow it long!"

-Johannes Jonsson, "Long Hair!" Metal for Jesus, retrieved Apr 20, 2015, [www.metalforjesus.org/longhair.html]

Just like with Danny Bunn, who also attempts to use Samson as an excuse for his long hair, Johannes Jonsson has not taken a Nazarite vow, nor did he have a Nazarite vow from birth. The story of Samson has nothing to do with this issue, and is not mentioned to Christians anywhere in 1Co 11, but it's become a quick one-liner they can use to justify their rebellion against the authority of Christ.

The bottom line is this: If you're a man and want to have long hair, no one's stopping you from doing so, but if you're a Christian man, born-again in Christ, there will be chastening from God on issues like this. If you're a woman and want to have short hair, no one's stopping you from doing so, but if you're a Christian woman, born-again in Christ, there will be chastening from God on issues like this. If you want to be right with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do what's pleasing to Him (not what's pleasing to yourself), then do what he has told us to do; it's not difficult.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. -John 14:15

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. -1 Corinthians 11:31-32