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## *The Corinthian Letters*

Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

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# CHRIST-CENTERED WORSHIP

## 1 Cor. 11:2-34

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| 1. Decent and in Order  | 11:2-16  |
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# Decent and in Order—11:2-16

Paul gives instructions about corporate worship:

- a. The problem
- b. The solution
- c. Theological reasons





# What Paul is NOT saying

- Does not prohibit women participating in worship.
- Does not subject all women to all men.
- Does not focus on an authoritarian hierarchy of power.
- Does not put men in superior position over women.



# Freedom and Responsibility

- Mutuality in the text
- Women participated fully in the life of the church
- Play on “head” —both origin and authority
- Husband and wife
- God is the head of Christ, who is the head of man,  
who is the head of his wife
- Distinctions between the sexes
- Maintain the social customs with regard to  
dress in worship



# Principles from 11:2-16

1. God created men and women in His image.
2. God created men and women with differences.
3. Christians should keep the distinctions.
4. Christians should look and behave in ways that honor their own cultures.
5. Be sensitive to the cultural norms of others.
6. Behave in a way that glorifies God, honors your spouse and is culturally appropriate.
7. Christ is the center focus of worship.





# Grace and Compassion—11:17-34

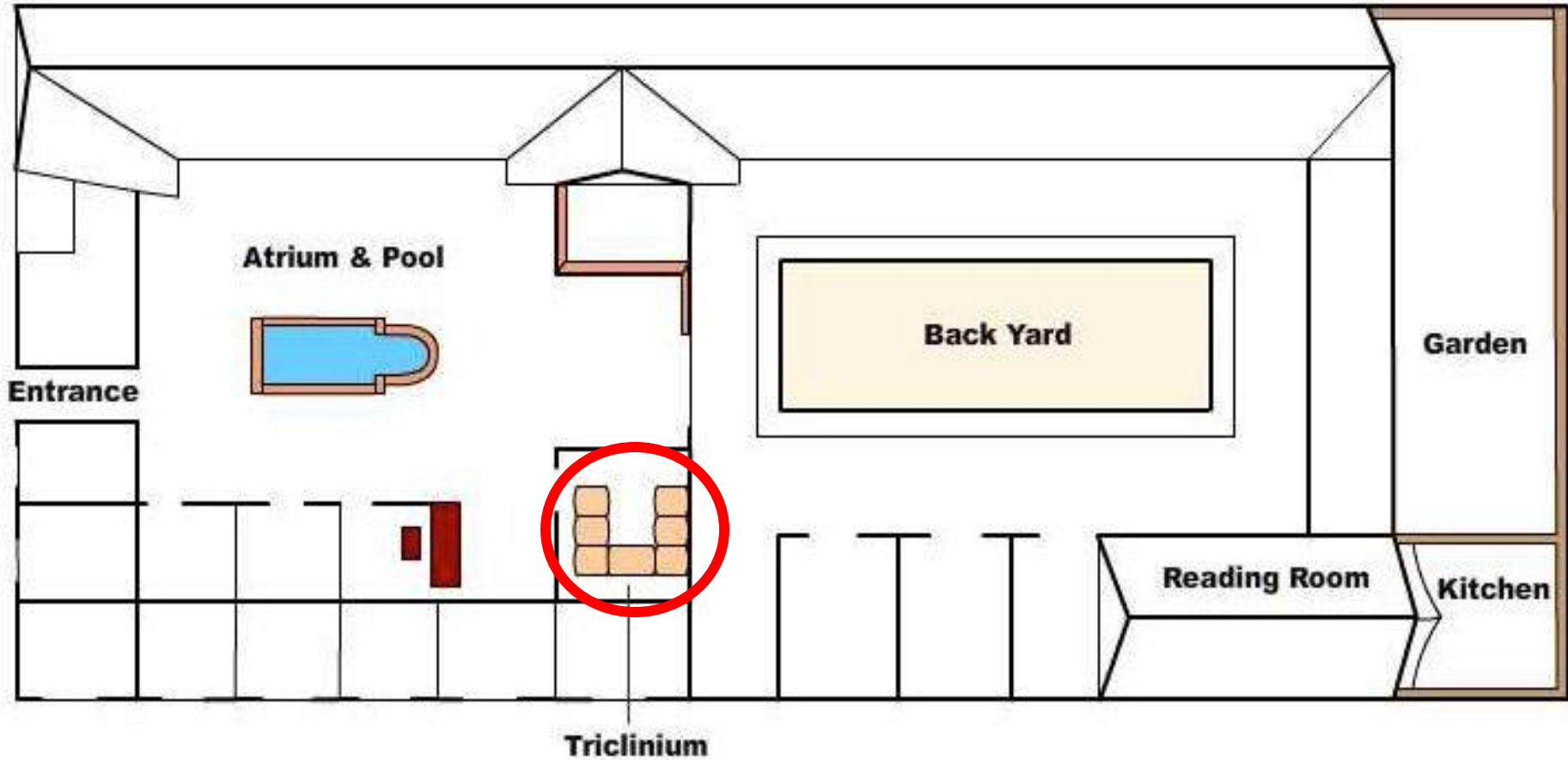
Paul exposes the abuse of the Lord's Supper

- a. The problem—v. 18-22
- b. The Lord's Supper in contrast—v. 23-26
- c. The implications for the church—v. 27-34



# Floor Plan of Roman Villa

## Upper Class Roman Villa





# Paul's Instructions

- Examine themselves
- Partake with their own need for grace and forgiveness in mind
- Act in a Christ-like manner, sacrificial
- Eat at home if they are hungry
- Wait and celebrate the meal together



# As we approach the Lord's Supper

1. Look back—to Christ's death
2. Look ahead—to Christ's return
3. Look within—self-examination
4. Look around—to fellow believers
5. Look out—to those who need Christ
6. Look up—to the Living Lord!



