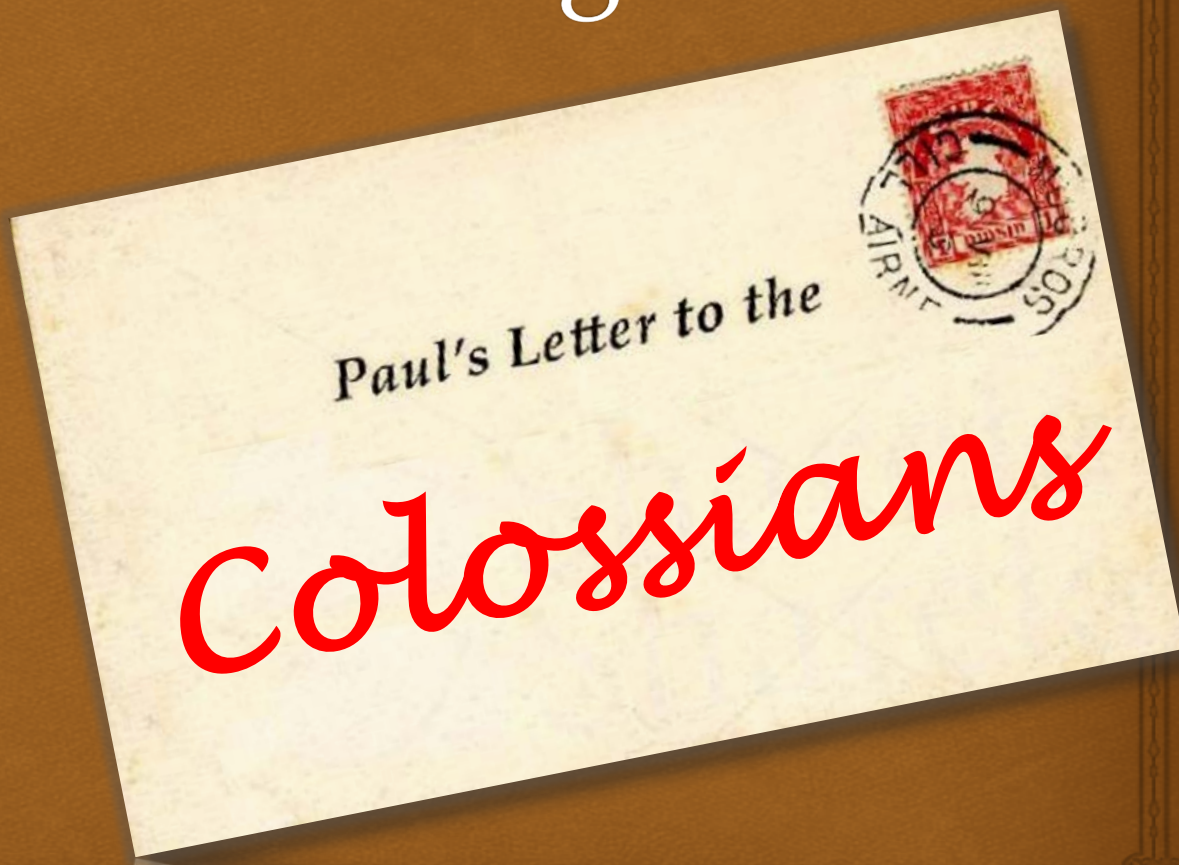


Biblical Headship and Submission in Marriage



Colossians 3:18-19

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Paul's Letter to the
Colossians

First Century Cultures



Jewish Culture

Roman Culture

Greek Culture

A Christian Wife's Submission to Her Husband (3:18)



❧ The command

❧ Christian wives, be subject to your husband *(also Eph 5:22, Titus 2:5, 1 Peter 3:1)*

❧ The *correct meaning* of submission

❧ The wife is to acknowledge the rightful authority of her husband in their marriage

❧ The wife is to voluntarily order, or rank herself, under her husband's authority

A Christian Wife's Submission to Her Husband (3:18)



Ephesians

5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.



marriage

Colossians

3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Titus

2:4-5 ...encourage the young women to love their husbands,...being subject to their own husbands...

or rank herself, under her husband's

1 Peter

3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands...

A Christian Wife's Submission to Her Husband (3:18)



❧ The *wrong meaning* of submission

- ❧ It does not mean that a wife should tolerate physical abuse in submission to her husband
- ❧ It does not mean that a wife should allow her husband to cause her to sin
- ❧ It does not mean that a wife should never confront her husband about a pattern of unrepentant sin

A Christian Wife's Submission to Her Husband (3:18)



- ❧ Some *wrong* and/or *sinful responses* regarding submission
 - ❧ Paul is expressing personal prejudice, so this doesn't apply today
 - ❧ This command reflects first century culture and doesn't apply today
 - ❧ Submission and headship leads to abuses and therefore must be wrong
 - ❧ My husband isn't a believer so this doesn't apply
 - ❧ God and the Bible must view men as superior and women as inferior
 - ❧ I reject submission and will continue to battle for headship in my marriage and home
 - ❧ Submission means I can never give counsel or share concerns with my husband

A Christian Wife's Submission to Her Husband (3:18)



❧ The *reasons* for submission

❧ Because it reflects the character of Christ

❧ Because submission to a rightful authority is a noble, biblical virtue

❧ Because God has created order into the very fabric of the moral universe

❧ Because God placed the husband as the head of the wife

❧ ...others

❧ The *proper attitudes* of submission

❧ It is to be done as part of submission to, and love of, Christ

❧ It is not merely to be done externally, but from the heart

A Christian Husband's Love Toward His Wife (v19)

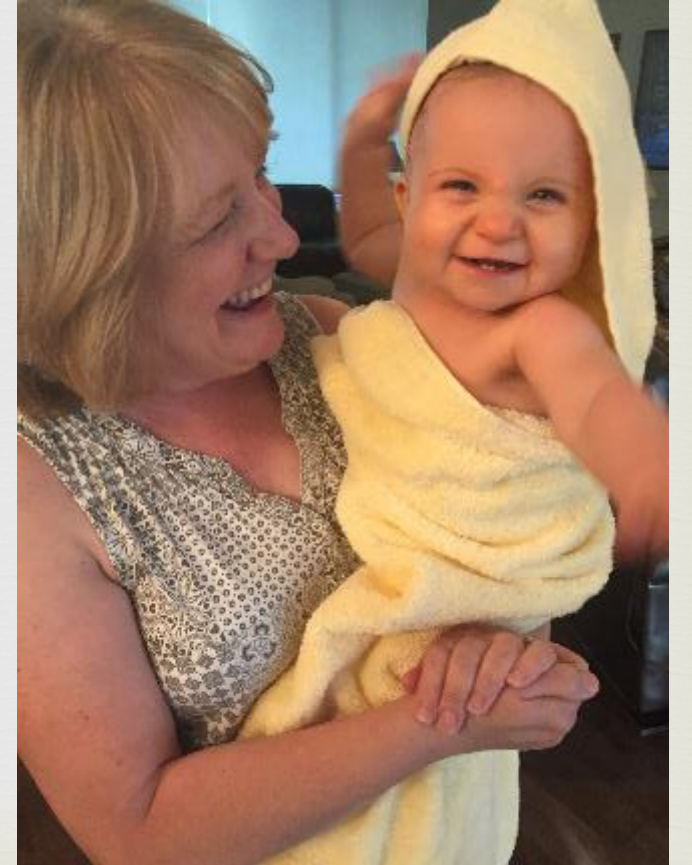
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❧ Christian husbands, don't be embittered toward your wife

❧ The *correct meaning* of loving your wife

❧ The husband is to love his wife according to the pattern of Christ *(Eph 5:25)*

- Loving based on a decision of the will rather than feelings
- Loving not based on merit but given even when undeserved
- Loving sacrificially

❧ The husband is to love his wife as he loves his own body *(Eph 5:28-30)*

A Christian Husband's Love Toward His Wife (v19)

- ❧ Some *wrong* and/or *sinful responses* regarding loving your wife
 - ❧ You just don't know my wife
 - ❧ I don't need to love my wife because she doesn't love or respect me
 - ❧ Focusing on the authority given in headship but not the responsibility to love
 - ❧ Having shown love in the past counts for loving her in the present

A Christian Husband's Love Toward His Wife (v19)

- ❧ The *reasons* for loving your wife
 - ❧ Because it reflects the character of Christ
 - ❧ Because the responsibility of loving comes with biblical headship
 - ❧ Because it sanctifies her (*Eph 5:26-27*)
- ❧ The *proper attitudes* in loving your wife
 - ❧ Pursue sanctification for yourself
 - ❧ Do nothing that would expose her to sin and temptation
 - ❧ Be the spiritual leader of your home
 - ❧ Put your wife's interests, desires, and needs before your own

Closing



- ❧ Both biblical headship and submission are beautiful reflections of Christ
- ❧ Align your thinking to what Christ says rather than the culture and your flesh
- ❧ Examine your own heart and talk with your spouse
- ❧ Commit to reflect Christ in your marriage!