

"The Christian Wife"
Ephesians 5:22-24
Saturday July 25, 2010 "Marriage Matters"

Eph 5:21-24

Heb. 13:4

Ephesians 5:18-6:9 is dealing with "Walking in Harmony"

Eph. 5:18

1. Evidence Joy. Eph. 5:19
2. Evidence Thankfulness. Eph. 5:20
3. Evidence Submissive. Eph. 5:21

1. Verse 22 – Submission - Is Voluntary:

2. Verse 22 – Submission - Is To The Lord:

3. Verse 23 – Submission - Is To The Husband:

4. Verse 24 – Submission - Is In Everything:

1. Verse 22 – Submission - Is Voluntary:

Eph 5:22

Most of our Bibles have the word "subject" in italics, because it was inserted by the translators to keep the sense of the passage.

Eph. 5:21 "and be subject to one another"

Eph. 5:22 "Wives, be ----- to your own husbands, as to the Lord."

What Submission is Not!

Submission Is Not – Establishing The Husband As Dictator:

Submission Is Not – Implying That Women Are Inferior To Men:

1 Peter 3:7

"as with a weaker vessel," more delicate

Submission Is Not – The Design Of Men:

Submission Is Not – Only for Women: Eph. 5:21

Eph. 5:22-24 – Wives submit under direction of husband.

Eph. 5:25-33 – Husbands submit to wives

Eph. 6:1-3 – Children submit to Parents

Eph. 6:4 – Fathers submit, don't provoke

Eph. 6:5-8 – Slaves submit to master

Eph. 6:9 – Masters submit – don't threaten

Submission Is Not – Forfeiting Your Right To Make Decisions:

Submission Is Not – Suicide:

1 Peter 3:6

Subject – A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader"; In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility; to arrange under to obey; to submit to one's control; to yield to one's admonition or advice"

"Wives, be subject to your own husbands,"; Note it does not address the husbands to make their wives submit!

It Is An Appeal to Christian Wives to Voluntarily Place Themselves Under God's Order.

Submission – Voluntary Submission is personal and it is voluntary.

2. Verse 22 – Submission - Is To The Lord:

Eph 5:22 "as to the Lord."

1. A Wife fully submitted to God is a wife fully submitted to her husband.

Rom. 13:2

2. Because the wife submits to the Lord she is able to submit to her husband.

Why is the order this way?

Gen. 3:16

desire – "to master, to rule, control"

1 Cor 11:8-9

Col. 3:18

1 Tim. 2:13-15

1 Pet. 3:1-6

Titus 2:3-5

1. Reason based upon the order of creation.

2. Reason based upon the Results of the fall through sin.

Submission As To The Lord; A Wife submitted to God is a wife submitted to her husband. Submission to God makes possible the submission to her husband.

3. Verse 23 – Submission - Is To The Husband:

Eph 5:23

Savior – "deliverer, preserver"

Headship and Savior – speak of responsibility that should make it easier for the wife.

Submission To Husband; God has designated the head of the home and it is the husband.

4. Verse 24 – Submission - Is In Everything:

Eph 5:24

"in everything" –

"There is a higher law than that which man can legislate or command. It is that of God. When man forbids what God commands, or God forbids what man commands, then we must obey God rather than man."

1 Samuel 25 Nabal, which means "fool"; His wife's name was Abigail which means "one who causes joy"

Acts 5:28-29

The Actions and the Attitude of our response is important.

Submission In Everything; There is a limit to authority and God alone can set those limits.

Application:

1. Submission – Is Voluntary: Submission is personal and it is voluntary.
2. Submission – Is To The Lord: A Wife submitted to God is a wife submitted to her husband. Submission to God makes possible the submission to her husband.
3. Submission – Is To The Husband: God has designated the head of the home and it is the husband.
4. Submission – Is In Everything: There is a limit to authority and God alone can set those limits.