

COLOSSIANS: LORDSHIP IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Colossians 3:12-25

We have looked at our lives as being... "Hidden with Christ in God." How true! Today we will see how our abandonment to the Lordship of Jesus empowers us to live 'saved' in our relationships.

¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Colossians 3:12-17 NASB

- ***Paul refers to the church as people who have been chosen of God, holy purified, and well beloved by God Himself. (v12 AMPC)***

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:1-5 NASB

- ***We have been chosen, sanctified...to obey and be cleansed (sprinkled by His blood)***
- ***Since we have been chosen, cleansed and loved, we can put on a heart of compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience.***

¹² Clothe yourselves therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified and holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper]. Colossians 3:12 AMPC

- ***Since these things are true, we can be empowered to forgive like Jesus forgives. (Colossians 3:13)***

¹⁴ And above all these [put on] love and enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness [which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony]. Colossians 3:14 AMPC

- ***"Put on love, the bond of perfection (maturity)." V14 Transline NT***
- ***"...and let the peace of Christ be arbitrating in your hearts....ruling, deciding, umpiring." V15***

¹⁵ And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]. Colossians 3:15 AMPC

- ***See Ephesians 5:19 NASB***
- ***"Let the teaching concerning Christ remain as a rich treasure in your hearts."***

¹⁷ And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17 AMPC

- ***Do everything as a chosen representative of God.***
 - ***Note: v18 is preceded by v16-17!***

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but

be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; ²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father; ²¹ and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.

²² Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. ²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. Ephesians 5:17-28

- **Note: V 17-21 precede V22-28. (v21 in particular)**
- **What does submission mean?**
 - **The root word here means to arrange, put in order, or establish.**
 - **Here the word has a pre-fix that means 'under', so it means to place under or arrange under.**
 - **Note: 'Home on the arrange' works better than home on the 'dis-arranged' and there are much fewer 'discouraging' words!**
 - **This word for subject, submit, or submission is used in reference to all sorts of relationships.**
 - **Jesus in submission to the Father. (see I Corinthians 15:28)**
 - **Jesus in submission to His parents. (see Luke 2:51)**
 - **Christians in submission to Jesus. (see I Corinthians 15:27, Ephesians 1:22, Philippians 3:21)**
 - **The church in submission to Jesus. (see Ephesians 5:24)**
 - **Angels in submission to Jesus. (see I Peter 3:22)**
 - **Young men in submission to their elders. (see I Peter 5:5)**
 - **Submission is part of so many relational connections.**

UNDERSTANDING SUBMISSION

Ephesians 5:18-33, Colossians 3:18-19

Submission – root word means 'to arrange' or 'put in order.' This word adds the prefix 'under' so it means to place or to arrange under, to subordinate or submit voluntarily.

Sub = under

Mission = purpose

God's Mission...God's Purpose



Two people voluntarily under the same mission = submission.

Contending for relationships: embittered or emblazed? (Colossians 3:9-21)

- **Check out this spiritual armor: (Colossians 3:9-17)**
 - **Telling the truth. (v9)**
 - **Putting on the new self. (v19)**
 - **Recognition that it's all about Jesus. (v11)**
 - **Living like we are chosen of God, holy and beloved. (v12)**
 - **Wearing a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**
 - **Bearing with one another and forgiving one another. (v13)**
(See Psalm 18:30-36)
 - **Put on love...the perfect bond of unity. (v14)**
 - **Let peace rule in your heart (whose peace is it?) and be thankful. (v15)**
 - **Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you with Spirit-empowered results. (v16) (See Colossians 3:18-21)**
 - **Wives, be subject to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord. (It is difficult to do what's fitting if you are acting like a mis-fit. (v18)**
 - **Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. (v19)**
 - **Never treat them harshly...NLT**
 - **(Don't be) harsh, bitter, resentful. Amplified**
 - **Husbands, be loving your wives with a divine love which impels you to deny yourselves for their benefit and stop being bitter and harsh to them. Wuest Translation**
 - **To embitter, exasperate, render angry or indignant, to be embittered or irritated, to visit with bitterness, to grieve. Thayer Translation**

If you think you're dying it may be because you've been drinking from bitter waters. Revelation 8:11

⁷ You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

⁸ To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble. I Peter 3:7-8 NASB

- ***Do this! (I Peter 3:7-8)***
 - ***Live with your life in an understanding way.***
 - ***Understanding her...learn about her...learn from her! (v7)***
 - ***An understanding way (see I Corinthians 12:8, 2:6,10, and 13) wisdom. (v7)***
 - ***Treat her like she is a woman...womanly...feminine...her God-given woman-ness. (This adjective has the same relationship to 'woman' as 'royal' does to king.) (v7)***
 - ***Show her honor...esteem, value. (v7)***
 - ***Don't just think or intend honor...show it...demonstrate her value to you.***
 - ***Pray...she is your joint heir of the grace of life...pray for her and pray with her. (v7)***
 - ***Be harmonious. (v8)***
 - ***Be sympathetic. (v8)***
 - ***Be brotherly (friendly). (v8)***
 - ***Be kindhearted. (v8)***
 - ***Be humble in spirit. (v8)***
 - ***Don't be defensive (evil speech and results). (v9)***
 - ***Be a blessing and a blessing. (v9)***
 - ***Be blessed! (v9)***
 - ***A final command. Flame on! Be emblazed!***
 - ***Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. I Corinthians 16:13-14***
 - ***The only place this word is used in the Greek NT. It is the verb from of the word 'man'. We need to be about actively being men!***
 - ***Verb = words expressing action, existence or occurrence.***