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(Life in Light Part 3)

Ephesians 5:21-33

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, **submit** to your husbands as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

24 Now as **the church submits to Christ**, so also wives should **submit** to their husbands **in everything**.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her**

26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

27 and **to present her to himself as a radiant church**, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. **He who loves his wife loves himself**.

29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--

30 for we are members of his body.

31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

32 This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church.

33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he **loves** himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband.

**Ephesians 1:13-14**

“You also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.”

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**1. THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ATTITUDE OF SUBMISSION: GOD HAS ESTABLISHED ORDER IN HIS CREATION FOR PEACE.**

**1 Corinthians 14:3**

33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

**Psalm 19:7-8**

“7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.”

Results from the brokenness of God’s peace

* **Spiritual disorder brought disconnection from the life of God.**
* **Mental and emotional disorder caused a life that is intellectually deceived by lies, emotionally discouraged and depressed, volitionally stubborn and wicked.**
* **Physical disorder ended up sickness, disease, weakness, and finally physical death.**

**Philippians 2:5-8**

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

**Philippians 2:9-11**

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**2. ONE ANOTHER: ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE EQUALLY PRECIOUS.**

**Genesis 1:27**

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**3. REVERENCE FOR CHRIST: MATURITY OF PEACE COMES FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.**

**Matthew 5:9**

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

**Romans 12:18**

18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

God’s help for us: the Spirit of God working in and among us