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STUDY OF THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

013: ROOTED IN SUBMISSION

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PRIMARY TEXT:

EPHESIANS 5:22-33; ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV)

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **28** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30** because we are members of his body. **31** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. **33** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

INTRODUCTION

Where did your eyes and ears go when hearing this text? Most likely it went to the wrong place. Have you ever been in an argument and you're not really listening to what the other person is saying? You've been triggered by something that they have said and now you are not listening you are just waiting to jump in so you can share your opinion?

DISCLAIMERS

The temptation is to put your current situation or past situation into this text – please do not do that.

This text has been abused and misused. Does that mean that we dismiss it?

ANOTHER MYSTERY

³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit..."

²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Hoopataso

To rank under. A military term.

We are called on to place ourselves under each other.

HEADSHIP & SUBMISSION

Sin did not create headship and submission. Sin perverted and ruined headship and submission. We only know of headship and submission through the lenses of sin. Our rejection of this God indented pattern is rooted in view of the fact we have only seen headship and submission abused.

Sin turned men into passive, checkout, lazy, disengaged men. Or, sin turned men into overbearing, short tempered, controlling, abusive jerks. And a slew of others nuances in between.

Sin took the loving, willing, glad submission of women and wrecked it too. It made some women, to helpless, scared, fearful women with nothing in their brain, that are willing to be doormats to any man. Sin took other women who are harsh, mean, manipulative, and controlling. And a slew of others nuances in between.

Praise be to God, from the beginning of history He designed a right picture for us to follow and imitate, a way to correct the incorrect view that sin has left us with. He has shown us perfect headship and perfect submission in a great mystery.

Headship is not a right, meant to be taken by a man to dominate. It is a service and responsibility to love and serve. How did Jesus, according to the mystery, serve the church? Humbly. Sacrificially. Submission is not slavish, cowering, reluctant, or spineless. It is freeing, its glad, its willing. Just as, according to the mystery, the relationship with Christ is submitted and leading to life.

HEADSHIP & SUBMISSION DEFINED

Headship: The divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christlike, servant-leadership, protection, and provision in the home.

Submission: The divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and to help carry it through according to her gifts.

OBJECTION TO THIS VISION

Full Partnership and Cooperation or Mutual Submission

The idea is that mutual submission rules out higher archly abuse.

Mutual Subjection in the Church

Mutual Subjection in the State

Mutual Subjection in the Home

Did Christ and the Church mutual submit to each other?

Christ submission to the church was his sacrificial love that cost him his life.

A NEW VISION - WHICH IS ACTUALLY AN OLD ONE

1. Men, You Are Not Jesus.
2. Women, You Are Not Called To Be Mindless Robots.
3. Healthy, Happy marriages are not about tricks. It's about the Gospel.
4. Marriage is not about your happiness. It is about your sanctification.
5. Young people or single adults....

VIDEO: John and Ashley Willeford

DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-9

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.^[a] **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.