

A Counter-Cultural Marriage - 1 Peter 3:1-7

Before we endeavor to unpack this passage, let us begin by simply saying that the Christian home, the Christian marriage, and indeed the Christian life are and have always been counter-cultural. The Christian view of marriage, family, and home life is to be governed and grounded upon Biblical principles rather than societal preferences.

- **Christian wives are called to be _____ to their own husbands. (3:1a)** Most scholars agree that the opening phrase, "in the same way," is pointing us back to the previous subject of submission. Peter now addresses submission within the marriage relationship.

This is plainly taught in Scripture, but also clearly abused and mis-applied in many marriages. Compare this text with that of Ephesians 5:18-24 or Colossians 3:18-20.

- **This is not addressing all women in general, but wives in particular.**
- **This is not addressing the relationship of wives to all men, but only to their own husbands.**
- **This issue of submission does not equate a lack of worth, value, giftedness, or significance.**
- **The Christian home involves a mutual submission the Lord, and therefore to one another.**
- **God designed the different roles and responsibilities; His design is good.**
- **Christian wives are called to display a _____ adornment and inner beauty. (3:3-6)** We live in an age where women are evaluated and judged based upon the most shallow and base criteria.

Women are told by Hollywood and fashion magazines that they must be a certain size and look a certain way or they are less desirable. This is driven by a culture that makes value judgments based solely upon appearance. Someone has said, "beauty is only skin deep." The true reality is this: Christlike beauty goes well beyond the skin, penetrating the heart!

- **Christian husbands are to demonstrate _____, showing honor to their wives. (7)** Peter now turns his attention to the husband's role and responsibility. Here it appears that the Scripture deals with an issue often lacking in men: sensitivity, understanding, or compassion.

"Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way." (ESV)
"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge." (KJV)

Wayne Grudem, "According to knowledge, the knowledge Peter intends here, may include any knowledge that would be beneficial to the husband-wife relationship: knowledge of God's purposes and principles of marriage; knowledge of the wife's desires, goals, and frustrations; knowledge of her strengths and weaknesses in the physical, emotional, and spiritual realms."

"Giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life." (KJV) **"Showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life." (ESV)** **"As with someone weaker, since she is a woman." (NASB)**

Old and new translations of the Bible use the term "weaker." Bestowing honor upon that which is weaker is expressed throughout the Scripture. (Read: Matt. 5:3-12; 1 Cor. 1:26-30; James 2:5; 4:6 or 1 Peter 5:5)

- **Christian couples, in a _____ covenant are a powerful team. (3:7b)** Why should Christians strive for marital harmony and unity in the marriage? For the benefit of their prayer life!

Application questions: Who should determine the roles and responsibilities with the Christian home? Society or Scripture?
Am I seeking to serve my Lord by serving and honoring my spouse? Are we striving to work within God's divine design for our marriage?
Are we a mighty force as we pray together for God's will to be done? Or are we divided due to a strained relationship?

MISSIONS MOMENT

Beginning tomorrow, July 11th, Theo Nights will be hosting a public four-part series on the doctrine of man. This first night will be held at BBC at 7pm. Invite your friends and family to be equipped from the Word of God for the culture war!



Adults

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Services | 8:00am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Wednesday:
Men's Study at Southern Grace | 6:30am
Morning Bible Study | 10:30am
Missions Celebration | 6pm

Thursday:
Men's Study at Shoney's | 7am
Young Adult Small Group | 6pm

Students

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am

Monday:
College | 6pm

Wednesday:
Youth | 6pm

Children

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Children's Church | 10:30am
Ken Hazelrigg & Emily Fronck

Wednesday:
No Summer Bible Club

Nursery

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Morning Service | 10:30am
Mitzi Stinson, Angelec Brewer, Ellie Housley,
Angela Whitehead
Evening Service | Kelsey Watson

Weekly Reports

Tithes/Offerings: \$29,004.22
Sunday School: One Body

Today's Services

AM

At the Cross

Welcome and Prayer

Thank You Jesus For the Blood

Choir Special – Brent Hammonds soloist
Are You Washed in the Blood
All I Have is Christ

(Children dismissed to Children's Church)

Sermon – Pastor Tony Collins

Only Trust Him

Missions Moment and Benediction

PM

Majesty

Welcome and Prayer

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Trust and Obey

Sermon – Pastor Tony Collins

Fairest Lord Jesus

Benediction



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Announcements

Deacon's meeting today at 4:00 pm.

Blessing Table for garden produce at the top of the ramp between the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Bring extra fruit and vegetables ONLY from your garden to share or take some home.

Nursery Volunteers Needed. Contact Brenda Powell at (865) 982-8803 to serve in the nursery.

Men's Ministry Day of Shooting on July 16 at Chilhowee Sportsman Club. Meet at 8:00 am at the Pavilion. Bring your own gun(s) and ammo. Approximately \$20 per person. Contact Jamie Axthelm for more details.

On July 24 in the evening service, we will put together **gift bags for the teachers** at Eagleton Elementary and Middle Schools. Please donate individually wrapped mints, chocolate candy, and granola bars/breakfast bars before July 24 so we can have an accurate count ahead of time. The church will order the school supplies. If you would like to **donate** money to assist with this, please mark your donation "Teacher gift bags." Please plan to attend and assemble gift bags and write a personal note to the teachers.

Notice: The senior adult trip, previously scheduled for July 21st, has been rescheduled for July 28. We will leave BBC at 9:00 am for the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge, followed by historic downtown Clinton for lunch. Cost is \$5.00 for ticket, \$5.00 for transportation, and money for lunch on your own. Sign up by July 24 to attend.

Church business meeting July 31 at 5:30 pm. Send reports to jhayes@bbcmmaryville.org by **July 18**.

MISSION

To bring glory to God by exalting Christ in worship, equipping Christians for ministry, and evangelizing our neighborhood & the nations.

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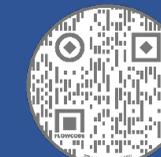
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