

Gravitational Forces in Our Lives

Christian marriage and the Gospel

Wives submit to your husbands – Part 3

Ephesians 5:22-24

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Two Contextual Realities

1

Our marriages are to be a living out of being filled with the Spirit.

Eph 5:18

2

Submission within marriage is
compelled by
our reverence for Christ.

Eph 5:21

Marriage in the context of the Creation, the Fall, and Judgment

Genesis 2-3

The man is given primary
responsibility.
(Gen 2:16-17)

A helper is given.
(Gen 2:20)

They act are to be (and act)
as one.
(Gen 2:24-25)

The man is called to account.
(Gen 3:9)

The judgment of God against
the woman: contention.

(Gen 3:16)



1

The principle of headship (leadership) of the husband in marriage is grounded in the created design.



2

The curse of the Fall is what brings contention and competition rather than collaboration within marriage.

Cultural Misapplications

“There are by nature various classes of rulers and ruled. For the free rules the slave, the male the female, the man the child in a different way.”

Aristotle, *Politics*

“The woman, says the Law, is in all things inferior to the man. Let her accordingly be submissive, not for her humiliation, but that she may be directed; for the authority has been given by God to the man.”

Josephus, *Against Apion*

To often we sound more like
secular Greeks or Jews than
Christians.

1

The Gospel brought a revelation in our understanding of marriage.

Eph 5:23

Our marriages are all about
Christ and the Church.

Eph 5:23

2

The gospel brought a reversal in the cultural understanding of marriage.

Eph 5:23

Submission is not about
personal domination but
Christ-exalting glorification.

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