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The Household of Christ (Part 2)

Colossians 3:18-21



Background:

A wise man once said, "Sometimes, love means giving up the right to be right." Many a spouse has found this to be true in their marriage, but it certainly is true in our relationship with God. Understanding His Word requires that we be willing to rethink what we think it says -- to give up the right to be right -- and this is perhaps nowhere more true than when it comes to what His Word says concerning wives and husbands. Come join us on Sunday as we explore what Paul had to say to married couples and how we might apply it today.

Sermon Text (ESV):

Colossians 3:18-21

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

- Sermon Questions
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - What differences most stood out to you between the Greco-Roman culture & beliefs of the 1st century vs. Paul's counter-cultural household codes written to the early church?
 - As you consider your marriage and/or other relationships (e.g., with children, co-workers, friends, etc.), how would the relationship change by more often bringing agape love into it (“a sacrificial love that unites and heals”)?
 - How do the worldly idols of fame, power, and influence affect our most important, intimate relationships?
 - How does your perspective on submission change when it is redefined as submission for Christ alone and for his glory?