

**Dear Church** (Part 14)  
**"Husbands and Wives and Kids, Oh My!"** [Eph. 5:1; 21—6:9]  
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**THREE MAJOR CATEGORIES**

- HUSBAND/ WIFE 5;22-33
- PARENT/ CHILD 6:1-4
- MASTER/ SLAVE 6:5-9

**THREE STATEMENTS:**

- 1. The entire sections 5:22-6:9 sits in an entire CONTEXT — filling of the Holy Spirit.**
- 2. All the relationships depend on the same CONCEPT—SUBMISSION**
- 3. Domination is never SPIRIT FILLED LEADERSHIP**

"Submit to one another" comes from one Greek word—*HUPOTASSO*=Arranging in rank; to arrange in rank under

- 1. DIGNITY**
- 2. EQUALITY**
- 3. UNITY**

**Equality of worth does not mean EQUALITY OF ROLE**

**Authority is not a synonym FOR TYRANNY!**

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**HomeGroup and Personal Study Questions**

- A key phrase to set the tone of Paul's teaching is "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." How do you imagine this submission to one another? Can you explain it in "real life" terms?
- Regarding both "wives submit yourselves to your own husbands" (5:22) and "husbands, love your wives" (5:25), the qualifying submission and love is "as the church submits to Christ" (5:24) and "just as Christ loved the Church" (5:25). How does the Church submit to Christ? How did/does Christ love the Church? Where can we get detailed examples of these models? Can you be specific in your answers (scripture verses—etc.)
- Children are instructed to obey and honor their parents; however, the apostle continues his instruction directed toward the Fathers saying, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children" (Eph. 6:4). What do you think the apostle intends for us to understand with these words?
- Pastor Bill gave us a hierarchy of rank to help us understand submission. He stated *dignity*, *equality*, and *unity* as core components of submission. Do you agree or disagree? Can you explain your answer and understanding of each of these components?
- How do you understand equality? Does equality mean there are no leaders? Explain your understanding of equality and leadership.
- How would you evaluate yourself under the lens of this study? Consider your role as a spouse, a parent, a child, an employee... We were given the opportunity to "grade" ourselves last week, would you be willing to examine yourself again this week? How did you do? Is God calling you to make any changes?