

**One Masterpiece: The Church
Masterpiece – Part 6
Ephesians 6**

Series Memory Verse: “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:10 (p.896)

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.” Philippians 2:5–7 (p.900)

• **Mutual Submission Creates Christ-Like Relationships.**

1. Submit to Christ and one another.

“And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21 (p.898)

“And we are members of his body. As the Scriptures say, ‘A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.’”

Ephesians 5:30-32 (p.898)

2. Honor relationships appropriately.

“Children obey your parents...honor your father and mother...do not provoke your children...Work with enthusiasm, as though your working for the Lord...”

Ephesians 6:1-7 (p.898)

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” Romans 12:10 (p.866)

3. Seal the masterpiece with God’s armor.

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.”

Ephesians 6:10–11 (p.898)

“...the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared...hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:14–18 (p.898)

My Next Step This Week: Identify one relationship where mutual submission feels especially challenging. Choose one tangible act of submission to do this week in that relationship.