

THE INFLUENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IN YOUR MARRIAGE (Colossians 3:18-19)

- *What are some crucial preliminary observations to note about this passage?*

A. Christ's Influence on Wives in Marriage (3:18) "*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*"

1. The *meaning* of "submit" (*hypotassō*) is to arrange _____ some _____.

- *What are some examples of this in Scripture?*

2. The *misconceptions* about submission include:

- That this is a matter of superiority vs. _____ instead of a _____ issue.
- That the wife is expected to act like one of the _____.
- "*If I must submit, then I will end up being his _____.*"

3. The *middle* voice of the verb "submit" indicates that submission is done _____ by the wife for her own interest or _____.

4. The *mood* of the verb "submit" is imperative, which means this is _____ for all wives.

- *Are there limits or exceptions to this?*

5. The *motive* for a wife's submission to her husband is because it "is _____ in the _____."

B. Christ's Influence on Husbands in Marriage (3:19) "*Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.*"

1. The *meaning* of agape-love: the mental attitude that _____ to do what is _____ for _____ in light of eternity, no matter what it costs you.

- *Who is the supreme example of this? (Eph. 5:25)*
- *What does this agape-love require?*

2. The *misconceptions* of agape-love include:

- That this "love" is primarily a _____ or an _____.
- That this "love" in marriage equals _____.

3. The *mood* of "love" is imperative, meaning this is a _____ from _____ as His will for every husband.

4. The *manifestation* of agape-love includes not being _____ toward them.

- *How can this happen in a marriage relationship?*
- *What is the solution when this happens?*