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 **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?*