

# SUBMISSION



A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR DUTIES AS CHRISTIANS

# SUBMISSION

- ❖ From the Greek ὑποτάσσω (hupotasso) meaning to place under, to subject, to obey.
- ❖ This covers both voluntary and involuntary submission.
- ❖ Modern society has made this one of the most hated of the virtues.

# CHRIST IN SUBMISSION

❖ *1 Peter 2:21-25*

❖ Jesus left us an example to follow in His steps

❖ Christ had authority

❖ *1 Peter 3:22*

❖ *Hebrews 2:5-8*

# CHRIST IN SUBMISSION

- ❖ Christ humbled Himself and was in submission
- ❖ *Philippians 2:5-11*
  - ❖ “have this mind among yourselves”
- ❖ His submission was unconditional

# MASTER/SLAVE RELATIONSHIP

❖ *1 Peter 2:18-20*

- ❖ Voluntary or involuntary servitude
- ❖ Has to be submissive either way
- ❖ A lack of submission would have made disrespect fall on the gospel

# MASTER/SLAVE RELATIONSHIP

- ❖ *1 Timothy 6:1-2*

- ❖ Not limited to masters who were gentle

- ❖ This showed their devotion to God

- ❖ Submission made the gospel more attractive

- ❖ *Titus 2:9-10*

# MASTER/SLAVE RELATIONSHIP

- ❖ Masters were not the ultimate authority or their domain
- ❖ [Ephesians 6:9](#)
- ❖ A masters' righteousness or unrighteousness was irrelevant or a slaves submissiveness. Their submission was ultimately to God and His Rule
- ❖ [Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:22-25](#)

# MASTER/SLAVE RELATIONSHIP

- ❖ **What is the master does evil?**

- ❖ He will answer for his actions.

- ❖ **What is the master wants the slave to brake God's law?**

- ❖ God's authority always comes first

- ❖ [Acts 5:29](#)

- ❖ This does not give permission for rebellion in other areas



# SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT

❖ *1 Peter 2:13-17*

❖ involuntary

❖ Governments are not the ultimate authority, they derive their authority from God

❖ *Romans 13:1-7*

# SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT

❖ By being submission to government, we are being submissive to God

❖ *Romans 13:1-2*

❖ **What if the government wants me to disobey God?**

❖ *Acts 5:29*

# SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT

- ❖ Daniel and government
  - ❖ Exemplary citizen
    - ❖ [Daniel 6:3-4](#)
  - ❖ Did not compromise his faith
    - ❖ [Daniel 6:7](#)

# SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT

- ❖ **What if I disagree with the law?**
- ❖ The only exemption is violating God's law
- ❖ [Romans 13:2](#)
- ❖ Consider Ester who worked within the law to change the law.

# SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT

- ❖ **What if the government violates God's law?**
  - ❖ They will answer for their actions.
  - ❖ That does not give us the right to rebel
  - ❖ Paul, Peter, and Jesus all speak of obedience to a very sinful government.

# FAMILY

- ◆ [1 Peter 3:1-7](#) “In the same way”
  - ◆ Peter has been building to this
    - ◆ Citizens and Government
    - ◆ Slave and master
    - ◆ Christ and God
    - ◆ Husbands and Wives

# FAMILY

❖ A wife's submissiveness reflects on God and His will.

❖ *Titus 2:5*

❖ Husband is not the ultimate authority

❖ *1 Corinthians 11:3*

# FAMILY

❖ The wife serves Christ by her submission

❖ *Ephesians 5:22-24*

❖ *Colossians 3:18*



# FAMILY

- ❖ **What if my husband wants me to disobey God?**
- ❖ God is the ultimate authority. Always obey God. ([Acts 5:29](#))
- ❖ This does not give cause to rebellion

# FAMILY

- ❖ **What if my husband does not show me honor?**
  - ❖ He will answer for his actions.
  - ❖ We cannot use other's sins as an excuse to sin
- ❖ **What if my husband is wrong in the choices he's making?**
  - ❖ Its his decision to get wrong and he will bear the consequences.

# FAMILY

- ❖ Offering help, giving opinions, or advice is NOT the same as being unsuzbmissive, but there's a need for knowing where the line is.
- ❖ A husband would be a fool not to seek the help from the helpmeet that God has provided.
- ❖ But the choices are still his to make

# CHECK LIST

- ❖ Do you fight over the choices that he makes?
- ❖ Do you say/think, “I am not going to let him do\_\_\_\_\_”?
- ❖ Does your husband talk about having to get permission from his wife?
- ❖ Does he feel supposed by you in the choices he makes even if you think the choice is wrong?