

## OUTLINE

# Marriage and Family Under the Supremacy of Jesus Christ Colossians 3:18-21

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### Colossians 3:18-21 ESV

<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

### Introduction

- society is constantly changing and that is a \_\_\_\_\_ that does not change
- when we look at marriage and the family over the last 40 years we see that things have seriously changed and obviously not for the better!

Gary Thomas, in the book “The Sacred Search: What If It’s Not about Who You Marry, But Why?” writes:

*Our culture is still stuck on viewing marriage through the lens of happiness first and foremost—defining happiness by romantic intensity and sexual chemistry. Since the 1960s, sociologists have found a steady progression of young American men and women who demand more and more of love—yet we’re getting less and less out of our marriages.*

*In 1967, a study of college-age women found that 76 percent of women said they would marry someone if the man had every trait they were looking for, even if they didn’t feel “romantic love” toward them. In more recent research, 91 percent of women said “absolutely not.” That’s a huge shift. People have been pursuing such pairings for several generations now, and I’m asking you to be an astute and honest observer: how’s that working out for us?*

- if you just quickly look at society you see some shocking trends in marriage and family
- we have all sorts of \_\_\_\_\_ ideas about marriage being promoted by society these days
- we have “open” marriages and even polygamy being openly celebrated by our Canadian culture
- with regards to family, I remember from grades 1 to 8, every person in my class still had their biological mother and father living under the same roof with them

- there were no \_\_\_\_\_ families in that class
  - we know that such an experience would almost never happen in any classroom these days
  - marriage and family issues have changed the landscape of our \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - the Word of God is not unclear at all with regards to God demands for us in marriage and the family
  - people try and make the Word of God vague and \_\_\_\_\_ by distorting passages like Colossians 3:18-21
  
  - however, Lord has given us clear \_\_\_\_\_ in His Word
  - but are we \_\_\_\_\_ to listen to the Lord's holy instructions concerning His holy institutions of marriage and \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - we are in the section in Colossians where Paul is describing what the \_\_\_\_\_ life in Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ like for the Christian in Colossians 3:1-4:6
  - since Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ people, then people who are changed by Christ live a changed life \_\_\_\_\_ to His commands
  
  - Paul wrote earlier about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ and the work He accomplished on the \_\_\_\_\_
- Colossians 2:13-14** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of \_\_\_\_\_ that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.
- the Lord gives \_\_\_\_\_ to people who are \_\_\_\_\_ in sin and dead in sin
  - the Lord accomplishes this by \_\_\_\_\_ all their sin through the work of Jesus upon the \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ takes on the sin of the world and bears the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - Jesus dies as a substitute, bearing the wrath of God and clearing the sin record of all those \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
  - Jesus regenerates, or gives new life to, a people who were dead in sin
  
  - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us and He gives us a new \_\_\_\_\_ to live
  - we no longer live for \_\_\_\_\_ and sin, we have a new attitude, we are to do all things for His \_\_\_\_\_

- the effects of the transforming work of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ every area of our life, including our \_\_\_\_\_ and family life

- Paul previously talked about how we are to function in the \_\_\_\_\_ in Colossians 3:15-16

- we are to \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ at the center and allow the Word of Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts and lives

- we are to \_\_\_\_\_ all things for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (Col 3:17)

- now Paul gives these Christians the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ for their marriages, family life and even their \_\_\_\_\_ life in Colossians 3:18-4:1

- Paul \_\_\_\_\_ in this section that if Jesus is your Lord then He must be your \_\_\_\_\_ in all areas in your life including \_\_\_\_\_ and work!

- just look at how \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord is mentioned in Colossians 3:18-4:1 proving the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

- 3:18 - a wife in submission to her husband is fitting in the LORD
- 3:20 - a child obeying their parents is pleasing to the LORD
- 3:22 - bondservants are to live in fear of the LORD
- 3:23 - work hard for your master as to the LORD
- 3:24 – you will receive an inheritance from the LORD – you are serving the LORD
- 4:1 – you have a LORD/Master in heaven

- in this section we see again, as we have seen through the whole book of Colossians, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

- Jesus Christ is all that matters, Jesus changes sinners and Jesus demands \_\_\_\_\_ from His people!

- before we get into this passage we need to say the obvious about God's \_\_\_\_\_ for marriage

- the Lord made male and \_\_\_\_\_ so that they could enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ and joy of marriage

- therefore Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is one biological male united with one biological female till death do they part, as found in Genesis 2

**Genesis 2:24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- in marriage, if it is the will of the Lord a marriage will produce \_\_\_\_\_ and they are to be \_\_\_\_\_ up in a home that honours the name of the Lord

**Genesis 1:28** And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,

### **Brief Outline:**

**1) (3:18) Wives**

**2) (3:19) Husbands**

**3) (3:20) Children**

**4) (3:21) Fathers**

**1) (3:18) Wives**

**(3:18) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.**

- verses like this one cause many people to be triggered and become extremely \_\_\_\_\_

- in public school in the 80s the Bible was actually read in morning assembly

- one of my class mates was very bold and read Ephesians 5:22-33 which is the parallel \_\_\_\_\_ of Colossians 3:18-19

- one of the other teachers lost their mind and got very \_\_\_\_\_ at my teacher for allowing a person to read such a passage during assembly

- they felt such a passage was \_\_\_\_\_

- so I fully recognize that not everyone in Canada is going to appreciate the Lord's teaching on \_\_\_\_\_

- even though people are hostile to the Lord's teaching on this topic it does not mean that we \_\_\_\_\_ it

- some people do not like this passage because they feel it \_\_\_\_\_ abuse

- I remember hearing a minister say that this command was \_\_\_\_\_ because in his experience he had known of a drunken husband who beat his wife because she did not submit

- this pastor said because passages like these (Colossians 3:18-19) cause men to act this way, the New Testament's teaching on marriage is \_\_\_\_\_

- in response, just because we have an abusive person \_\_\_\_\_ scripture to justify violence this does \_\_\_\_\_ mean that we disregard God's Word

- in spite of the examples above, the \_\_\_\_\_ gives clear direction to wives in that they are to submit to their \_\_\_\_\_
- the word "submit" has become a dirty \_\_\_\_\_ in our Canadian culture mainly because we as Canadians do not like to be \_\_\_\_\_ what to do
- the word "submission" has been talked a lot about in the last few years because of the passages of Romans 13 and 1 Peter 3 which relate to the submission of the Christian to the \_\_\_\_\_

- the word "submit" means to subject oneself to another's \_\_\_\_\_
- this word has the implication of \_\_\_\_\_ your husband
- Paul's teaching for \_\_\_\_\_ stems from the teaching about men and women in the book of \_\_\_\_\_

- remember that Adam was alone and there was no \_\_\_\_\_ suitable for him
- the \_\_\_\_\_ and the animals were not a helper to him
- so the Lord decides to create \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 2:18** Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a \_\_\_\_\_ fit for him."

- what Paul is teaching here is that the husband is the spiritual leader of the \_\_\_\_\_
- it does not mean that the husband will be \_\_\_\_\_ but that he is responsible for the spiritual health, not only of his wife, but of his whole family
- we need to emphasize that a wife's submission to her husband does \_\_\_\_\_ mean that she embraces everything that her husband says and \_\_\_\_\_ off common sense
- furthermore, the wife ought \_\_\_\_\_ to submit to her husband if he is leading her in a direction that \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God

- do you see how Paul \_\_\_\_\_ this command for married women?
- he describes a wife's submission to her husband as "\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord"
- a wife's submission to her husband is appropriate or \_\_\_\_\_ honouring
- Paul uses the same word "fitting" in Ephesians to describe what is not \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord

**Ephesians 5:4** Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place (not fitting), but instead let there be thanksgiving.

- \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord in this area is fitting or appropriate, this pleases the Lord!

## 2) (3:19) Husbands

**(3:19) Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.**

- now Paul addresses the \_\_\_\_\_

- they are commanded by God to love their wives!

- Paul, in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ expands this command and it will help us understand what he is getting at here!

**Ephesians 5:25-32** \_\_\_\_\_, love your \_\_\_\_\_, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

- the command for husbands to \_\_\_\_\_ their wives is modeled by Christ's relationship to the \_\_\_\_\_

- how did Jesus love the church?

- Jesus gave Himself up for the church, and Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His life by death on the cross for the church

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the church and cares for the church

- I know that many people have not experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ husband figures in their life

- we do have lots of \_\_\_\_\_ examples of husbands and fathers on TV, like Archie Bunker, Al Bundy and Homer Simpson

- but let us look to our \_\_\_\_\_ example who is Christ and let us see His beauty

- the husband \_\_\_\_\_ needs one example and that is \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and He is the best example that a man can get!

- a husband is called to \_\_\_\_\_ his wife just like Jesus loves the \_\_\_\_\_, these are very big shoes to fill because no one loves like Christ
- husbands realize that if you are married you are \_\_\_\_\_ with your wife, you are one flesh and this means that you are \_\_\_\_\_ together with your spouse
- therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse as Christ has treated you
- love your spouse as Jesus Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ you!
- Christ Jesus calls husbands to be \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives, to serve their spouses, just as the Lord Jesus has done for His \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) (3:20) Children

**(3:20) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

- Paul is not referring to children who are grown up and out of the house when he gives this command he is referring to \_\_\_\_\_ who are under their parents

- Paul \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Old Testament for his teaching on the relationship \_\_\_\_\_ children and their parents

- Paul reaffirms the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment

**Exodus 20:12** " \_\_\_\_\_ your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

- we also find this teaching of children \_\_\_\_\_ their parents taught extensively in the book of Proverbs

**Proverbs 3:1** My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your \_\_\_\_\_ keep my commandments,

**Proverbs 5:1** My son, be attentive to my \_\_\_\_\_; incline your ear to my understanding,

- we have a \_\_\_\_\_ part command in this verse
- first we see that children who are still living with their parents should be \_\_\_\_\_ to their parents
- second we see that parents ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ their children

- we have a parenting crisis in our Canadian culture
- many children do not even have their \_\_\_\_\_ in the picture
- this has created many serious \_\_\_\_\_ for people and society

- children and youth have to go to YouTube to get \_\_\_\_\_ by complete strangers
- there is a guy on YouTube who teaches youth all the things that his father never taught him that he should have taught him
- this YouTube channel is called “Dad, How do I?”
- in a perfect world YouTube channels like this should not even exist but they do exist because we live in a \_\_\_\_\_ world
- but we also have a serious problem in the \_\_\_\_\_ with parenting
- we have \_\_\_\_\_ who are Christians who do not take the time or see the priority in \_\_\_\_\_ their children the Christian faith
- we have parents that are \_\_\_\_\_ with other things rather than teaching children the things of the \_\_\_\_\_
- if you are a parent, God has given you children to \_\_\_\_\_ them in the things of the Lord and to \_\_\_\_\_ your house in a way that honours the Lord!
- if you are still under your \_\_\_\_\_ roof you are to be obedient to your parents as to the Lord
- when you are \_\_\_\_\_ to your parents you “Please the Lord”
- sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ people are looking for the will of the Lord for their lives but in this verse the will of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ for them
- they are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ their parents
- when a \_\_\_\_\_ child obeys their parents this \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord

#### 4) (3:21) Fathers

**(3:21) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.**

- the Lord knows that \_\_\_\_\_ might not be as sensitive as we ought to be
- do not you notice what Paul says to husbands in Colossians 3:19? “do not be \_\_\_\_\_ with them”
- now Paul says “do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children”
- this means that Fathers are commanded by God not to “arouse, irritate, or embitter,” their children
- Fathers are not there to abuse or make life miserable for their children but to teach them about the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Paul gives a more positive instruction in the book of Ephesians



**Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

- if you are a father your first responsibility is to the \_\_\_\_\_ and obedience to Him
- the next responsibility is to your \_\_\_\_\_ to love her as Christ loved the church
- the next responsibility is to your \_\_\_\_\_ to train them and teach them in the Lord

- so fathers, do you set \_\_\_\_\_ aside each day teaching your children the Word and focusing upon the things of the Lord?

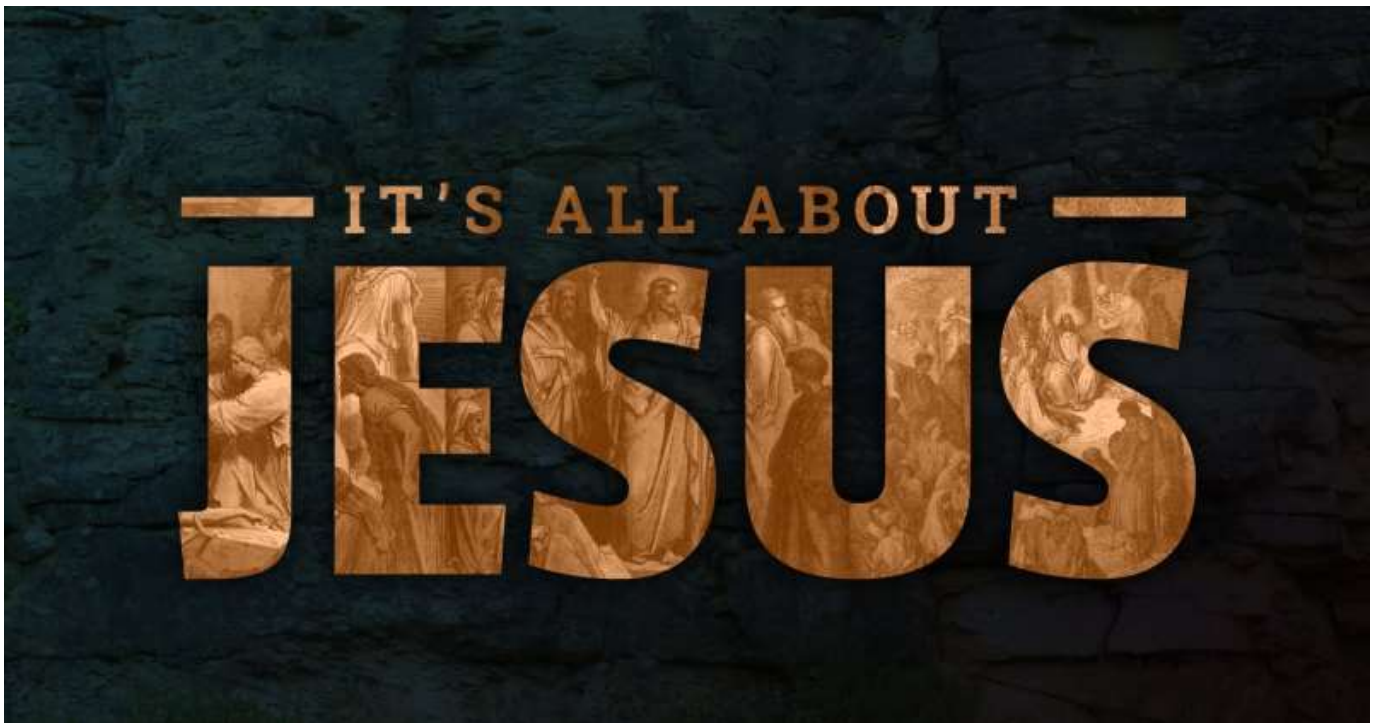
- fathers, every Lord's day, do you make \_\_\_\_\_ in the local church a priority for you and your family? - - fathers, do you set the example of \_\_\_\_\_ in the local church?



- children will know what is a \_\_\_\_\_ for you!
- how on earth can so many children be fans of the Maple Leafs?
- if a child sees his father glued to the TV during a Leafs game and then is sleeping during the sermon at church you know what the child is going to think is the real priority

- what would your child say about you and your \_\_\_\_\_?

- fathers, we have a great \_\_\_\_\_ in the person of Jesus Christ
- He is loving, patient, \_\_\_\_\_, meek, humble and merciful
- let us \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and cherish His grace and mercy and extend that mercy and \_\_\_\_\_ to our children to the glory of God



## APPLICATION

### 1) Jesus is at the Foundation of Marriage and Family!

- the transforming power of Jesus Christ lays the \_\_\_\_\_ for everything in your life, even down to the messiness of marriage and family
  - who here has a \_\_\_\_\_ where everyone gets along, no one has ever sinned against a family member and there is complete harmony, void of any \_\_\_\_\_?
  - no one does and that is why we \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ and His message of grace!
  
  - we as humans are \_\_\_\_ sinful and desperately need the grace of Jesus Christ
- Colossians 1:21-22** And you, who once were alienated and \_\_\_\_\_ in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now \_\_\_\_\_ in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,
- thanks be to God who shows us \_\_\_\_\_ even though we have done many evil deeds and been \_\_\_\_\_ in our mind towards God
  - Jesus brings \_\_\_\_\_ because he brings reconciliation between us and the Lord
  - our \_\_\_\_\_ are many and have separated us from God but Jesus Christ and His work \_\_\_\_\_ us back to God
  
  - if you are outside of Jesus Christ which means you are not in relationship with Jesus, not \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and living for yourself, know that you need Jesus Christ today

- the work that Christ accomplished on the cross is for lost sinners who \_\_\_\_\_ God's grace
  - come to Jesus today and you can \_\_\_\_\_ to the family of God and be a part of the bride of Christ which is the \_\_\_\_\_
  - if you are a Christian, Jesus is your \_\_\_\_\_ and since you have received Him as your Lord you must \_\_\_\_\_ as though Jesus is your Lord!
  - in Titus 2 we hear about the grace of Christ and how the grace of Christ teaches, changes us and \_\_\_\_\_ us!
- Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to \_\_\_\_\_ for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
- the grace of God \_\_\_\_\_ us in godliness
  - the Lord Jesus gave Himself to redeem us from wickedness and to \_\_\_\_\_ a people who are zealous for \_\_\_\_\_ works
  - Christian, let us keep the good news of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives, our marriages and our family
  - Jesus Christ saves us, gives us the grace to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life and gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit to live out a godly life in marriage and family
  - pray that you would be \_\_\_\_\_ by God's grace day by day so that you can be zealous for God's \_\_\_\_\_ works and live a \_\_\_\_\_ life in your marriage and family life

## 2) Marriage Under Christ

- we need to bring Jesus, His work and good news to our \_\_\_\_\_
- in your marriage there are many opportunities for bitterness and \_\_\_\_\_ because there are many opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ because Jesus Christ has loved you and died for you, you are commanded to love your \_\_\_\_\_
- as Christ loves the \_\_\_\_\_ you are to love your \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ because Jesus Christ has loved you and died for you, you are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ to your husband as the church \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ

- to those of you who are married, has your spouse lived a \_\_\_\_\_ life and never sinned against you? NO
- that is \_\_\_\_\_ we need Jesus and His grace every day

### 3) Parenting Under Christ

- we need to bring Jesus, His work and good news to our \_\_\_\_\_ life
- in a family there are many opportunities for bitterness and \_\_\_\_\_ because there are many opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_
- but that is why we \_\_\_\_\_ need the grace and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ
- children you have a responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ your parents
- fathers you have a responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ your children by not \_\_\_\_\_ your children but \_\_\_\_\_ them up in the instruction of the Lord
- let us because of \_\_\_\_\_ great work on our behalf put on these Godly \_\_\_\_\_ to the glory of Christ in our marriage and \_\_\_\_\_!

**Colossians 3:12-14** \_\_\_\_\_ on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate \_\_\_\_\_, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,<sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, \_\_\_\_\_ each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.<sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Next Sunday**  
**May 1 @ 10:30**  
**Colossians 3:22 - 4:1**