**Sermon Notes**

**Above All**

**The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians**

**“I Surrender All: The Christian’s Faith and Life, Part 1”**

**Colossians 3: 17-18**

**Big Idea: The Christian - the new man / new woman in Jesus - simply isn’t able to compartmentalize their faith and this effects all that they are in their lives, actions, words, and deeds.**

**In our text we see both the summation of previous commands (in v17) as well as the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ daily working out of them (in v18).**

**Nothing is to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- for the true follower of Christ there is no picking and choosing when and where and in which way their Christian values are expressed.**

**To do all things - word or deed - in Jesus’s name means that we live in such a way that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ approves of and would sign His name to our actions and words.**

**There is no harder place to obey the command of v17, no more challenging place to bring word and deed under Christ, no place that this command is clearly seen and expressed more than our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The very real fact for the Christian is that how we view God will be seen in some sense in the ways that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one another.**

**For the Christian, all human relationship is to first be lived in context and in correlation with our relationship with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, done rightly, is a part of God’s good design.**

**Observations from the Text:**

**The word submit is the Greek word “[ὑποτάσσω](https://www.esv.org/search/?q=%CF%85%CC%94%CF%80%CE%BF%CF%84%CE%B1%CC%81%CF%83%CF%83%CF%89&source=thgnt&forms=yes" \t "_blank)” (hyposasso) and it means to ‘bring under control’ or ‘to subject oneself.’ It has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and willing nature to it.**

**A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is a free and capable thinker who willingly – out of her love for and her identity in Christ – brings herself under submission to her husband.**

**The command in v18 is to wives in relation to their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_husbands.**

**The command to submit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_imply an inferiority or a lesser and lower status of the wife in comparison to her husband.**

**If a husband is leading in a way that is counter to the Word and the ways of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a wife is not commanded to follow him in submission to these things.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and free thinking is compatible and even thrives in God-designed Biblical submission.**

**The ultimate aim of this command is not toward the husband for submission, but rather the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (“as is fitting to the Lord”).**

**The willing and voluntary submission of the wife to her husband in the context of a loving and Spirit-led family is rooted in God’s design from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_teaches and commands male headship and leadership and we should not view this as negative, rather, we should see it as the Bible does: “fitting to the Lord”.**

**What God honoring Submission is and What God honoring Submission isn’t**

**Biblical submission is fostered in a loving marriage relationship.**

* **The kind of submission the Bible commands flourishes in a home where the husband is loving his wife well and sacrificially. She doesn’t mind submitting her will to his because she knows he has her and the family’s good most in mind.**

**Biblical submission doesn’t mean that the wife has to suppress her intellect, skill, talent, creativity, education, etc.**

* **Think of the woman described in Proverbs 31 – a woman whom the Bible sets out as a model for all women. As a wife she takes initiative, is creative, industrious, tirelessly works, is strong and generous, she shows her wisdom and intellect, and for all of those reasons and more, “her children rise up and call her blessed – her husband also, and he praises her”.**

**Biblical Submission also doesn’t mean that the wife is to stay silent.**

***Biblical submission is:* The decision of the wife to embrace God’s design namely by her willing choice to honor and affirm her husband’s authority and embrace his headship of their home as she brings her will under voluntary submission to his leadership.**

**As someone has said, “It is an attitude that says, ‘I delight for you to take the initiative in our family. I am glad when you take responsibility for things and lead in decision making with love. I don’t flourish when you are passive and I have to make sure the family works.’”**

Blanks: practical; compartmentalized; Jesus; homes; treat; Lord; Submission; voluntary; wife; own; does not; God; Independent; Lord; creation; Bible;