

Submitting to One Another

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Introduction - Application first... - friends and your faith at Easter

Text – Ephesians 5:21 (and other texts throughout) “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Main Idea – This “mutuality command” has three parts. The first two parts are easy to understand but difficult to do. The third part requires greater scrutiny and study.

I. The Command – the what – submission defined

A. What submission is not

B. What submission is – a call to

1. Surrender – a military term – gk. hupotasso

2. Serve – arrange

3. See the “big picture” – voluntary yielding in love

II. The Community – the who – submission focused

- the “huge point” on the way submission is taught and practiced...

III. The Cause – the why – submission motivated

We ought to submit in order to...

A. Reflect the model of the Godhead

1. the prayer of Jesus – Luke 22:41,41

2. the practice of the Spirit – John 16:12-14

3. the interplay between the Father & Son – John 5: 16-23

4. the principles of God's own design for creation – Psalm 19

B. Recall Jesus' invitation – “take my yoke” – Matthew 11:28-30

C. Remember our identity as Jesus' servants/citizens

D. Re-ordering our priorities in light of Jesus' mission

1. Historical precedents

2. Present realities

Conclusion

“We will submit to one another so that the grace of God can be seen and His love be extended to a needy world.”