

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scriptures for Today: Colossians 3:18-21 – *the new man obeys God to transform an entire home!*

Today's Message:

"A New Home"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued our study of the new man with what we must **PUT ON** every day. The world does not need to see a better you, they need to see Christ in you! Today, we continue with more practical applications of this truth. Christians who obey the word of God completely transform their homes and lives for God's glory. The Spirit wasted no time through Paul to give practical and specific commands to obey. The first place where the new man must visibly operate is at home. God's blueprint for marriage and family is simple and clear. Pay attention. This is God's message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text Colossians 3:18-21

Review

New Priorities – 3:1-4 – because you are risen with Christ, your priorities change!

The Old Man – 3:5-9 – you must put to death your old sinful ways and life for Christ!

The New Man – 3:10-17 – you must put on Jesus Christ and His righteousness every day!

A. The New Man in Marriage – a Christian marriage is a high calling from God!

- These are not marriage options to be considered; they are commands to be **OBEYED**.

To the Wives

HOW TO

Supportive cooperation
Home is peaceful
Encourage his leadership
Pray for and with him

CHALLENGES

Husbands is passive
Opinions differ
Hurt has happened

▪ Colossians 3:18 – **Wives,**

*SUBMIT yourselves unto your own husbands,
as it is fit in the Lord.*

3:19 – Husbands,

*LOVE your wives,
and be not bitter against them.*

To the Women

*A woman should take
great care in how she
chooses her husband.
This is what God
requires in marriage.*

"Wives, submit yourselves" Under in rank; voluntarily; respect not because deserved

"Unto your own husbands" This truth is limited to home and church, not men generally

"As it is fit in the Lord" Right; her motive to honor God's Word and His order of authority

"Husbands, love your wives" Unconditional, sacrificial, caring love; self-denial for her sake

"And be not bitter against them" Harsh; irritated; no matter if deserved or how treated

Comparing Scriptures

▪ **Ephesians 5:22-33** – **Wives, submit... as unto the Lord... Husbands, love... as Christ...**

Key Truth

▪ God's Blueprint: Men lead with love; women respond with graceful **RESPECT**.

To the Husbands

HOW TO

Servant leadership
5 Love languages
Gentle disagreements
Apologize quickly

CHALLENGES

Stress and pressure
Neglecting emotional and
spiritual leadership
Pride; have to be right

The Christ-honoring marriage is a picture of Christ and His bride – the church.

God does not like to have His pictures messed up. Where Christ is honored, unity follows. The first visible place the new man must operate is in the home!

1 Peter 3:1-6 Wives As Sarah Summary Inner beauty; meek and quiet spirit	To the Wives <i>This is the wife's Christian duty. It is part of the Christian life. When a wife does not obey this word to submit to her own husband as it is fit in the Lord, she doesn't just fall short as a wife, she falls short as a follower of Jesus Christ.</i>	To the Husbands <i>This is the husband's Christian duty. It is part of the Christian life. When a husband does not obey this word to love and care for his wife in the Lord, he doesn't just fall short as a husband, he falls short as a follower of Jesus Christ.</i>	1 Peter 3:7 Husbands As Christ Summary Give honor; joint heirs; prayers heard
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B. The New Man as a Child – a Christian child is a high calling from God!

2. God gives clear commands for **CHILDREN** to be obeyed for His glory!

To the Children HOW TO Obey quickly, willingly, and respectfully Includes tone, attitude Helping around the house as godly character CHALLENGES Peer pressure to rebel Influence of media Testing boundaries	▪ Colossians 3:20 – Children, <i>obey your parents in all things:</i> <i>for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.</i> “Children, obey your parents in all things” Willing submission in all matters of family life “Well pleasing unto the Lord” A blessing to God; He is well pleased with an obedient child Comparing Scriptures ▪ Exodus 20:12 – HONOUR thy father and thy mother: <i>that thy days may be long...</i> ▪ Ephesians 6:1-3 – CHILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord: <i>for this is right.</i> Honour... Key Truths ▪ God's Blueprint: Obedient hearts reflect Christ's peace; children can please God! ▪ Children who obey parents offer God sweet worship; the home is the first altar.	Important Note <i>Children should be careful to obey the Lord. This is what God requires of you.</i>
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C. The New Man as a Parent – a Christian parent is a high calling from God!

3. God gives clear commands for **FATHERS** (parents) to be obeyed for His glory!

To the Fathers HOW TO Avoid constant criticism Balance correction and praise Be consistent in love Discipline in love Spend time w/each child Show them Christ CHALLENGES Unrealistic expectations Comparing kids Sarcasm/public shame Overprotect/neglect	▪ Colossians 3:21 – Fathers, <i>provoke not your children to anger,</i> <i>lest they be discouraged.</i> “Fathers, provoke not your children” Exasperate by severity, inconsistency, or unfairness “Lest they be discouraged” To lose heart; become spirit-broken; opposite of put courage in Comparing Scriptures ▪ Ephesians 6:4– ... ye FATHERS, provoke not your children to wrath: <i>but bring them up</i> ▪ Psalms 103:13 – Like as a father pitieth his children... <i>the LORD pitieth them...fear him.</i> Key Truths ▪ God's Blueprint: Fathers set tone of Christlike obedience; create a SAFE place! ▪ A father's words can destroy or build up; fathers can lift children toward God.	Important Note <i>Fathers (parents) should be careful to obey the Lord. This is what God requires of you.</i>
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If wives rebel against biblical order: Strife grows; children learn disorder instead of peace.
If husbands fail to love: Wives get hurt; children become insecure; spiritual leadership void.
If children disobey: Rebellion and consequences compound; home is chaotic, not peaceful.
If fathers provoke: Children wither emotionally, become distant, lose confidence, direction.