

## God's perfect Plan: Mutual Submission

### ***Submission in the Godhead: In the Beginning***

The basic fact: Submission is not natural, only \_\_\_\_\_.

The Greek Word for Submission found in the New Testament literally means to “arrange under”

There is submission in the \_\_\_\_\_.

In the Beginning...

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. (Gen. 1:1-3)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground. (Psalm 104:30)

In Salvation...

and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.  
(Revelation 13:8)

<sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” (Matthew 26:39)

<sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3)

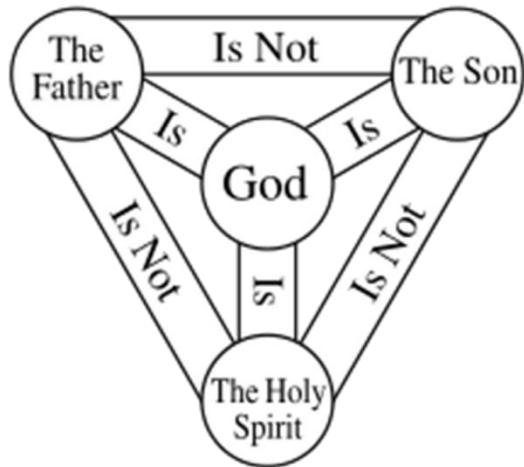
### In Function, Knowledge, and Authority...

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. (John 5:19-20)

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. (Matthew 24:36)

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (John 16:12-15)

- The Nature of the Triune God is \_\_\_\_\_,
- characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Submission is a part of the G\_\_\_\_\_ &
- P\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- God models \_\_\_\_\_ .



### ***Submission in Creation: Imago Dei***

Imaging the Trinity, there is submission in all spheres of \_\_\_\_\_

1. God calls us to submission to \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord's Prayer

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

<sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? (Hebrews 12:9)

2. God calls us to submission to \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:20-21)

3. God calls us to submission to His \_\_\_\_\_

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (Colossians 1:18)

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. (Ephesians 5:24)

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)

#### 4. God calls us to submission to the \_\_\_\_\_

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, (Titus 3:1)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (Romans 13:1)

### ***Submission in Marriage: In Everything***

The Created order is God's continual \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:26)

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ....But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:18-24)

<sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall

become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh.<sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Mark 10:6-9)

The Fall significantly \_\_\_\_\_ male-female relationships

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; (Genesis 3:16-17)

The Bible's teaching of C\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_ are not the result of sin.

Understanding Ephesians 5 and 6 (Colossians 3, 1 Peter 3):

The topic is \_\_\_\_\_ v.1-2: The \_\_\_\_\_ verse is verse 21.

The topics for submission are:

- ❖ Husbands and wives
- ❖ Parents and children
- ❖ Masters and slaves

A husband's submission is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.

The key word is \_\_\_\_\_ . v.33

A wife's submission is characterized by \_\_\_\_\_.

The key word is \_\_\_\_\_ .v. 33

Addressing Abuse:

## ***Submission in Women's Ministry: God's perfect plan***

Ministry for Women and to Women in the church will exalt and teach

- 1) The supremacy of \_\_\_\_\_ and the glory of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Seriousness of sin
  - b. The glory of the Cross
  - c. The beauty of Christ's ongoing ministry
- 2) The authority and trustworthiness of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The Life of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) C\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Equal dignity and worth
  - b. Different roles
  - c. Avoid Gen. 3:16 trap
  - d. Troublesome Passages
- 5) S\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Generational Approach (Titus 2)

<sup>3</sup>Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup>and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup>to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. (Titus 2:3-4)

Train – used once in the whole Bible - ‘bring to one’s senses’ – encourage, advise

- b. Mentoring
  - c. Bold and sacrificial
  - d. Proverbs 31 diversity
- 6) M\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Radical approach to singleness
    - b. Works of Mercy
    - c. Entrepreneurial

*The basic fact: Submission is not natural, only supernatural.*