

Colossians 3.18 – As For Me And My House, Part 1

Assumptions:

- 1. Man and Woman are Created in the Image of God (Gen 1:27)**
- 2. Marriage is Modeled After the Trinity (Gen 1:26)**
 - a. Father, Son, Spirit
 - b. Father, Mother, Child
- 3. We Live in a Broken, Sinful World (Rom 3:23)**
- 4. Marriage is a Covenant Based in Love Designed and Ordained by God (Gen 1:28)**
 - a. Mark 10:9
- 5. Men and Women Are Different By Design (Gen 1:27)**

Definitions:

- 1. Egalitarianism – The West**
 - a. No Role Distinctions In The World or The Church
 - b. Fall of Mankind Marred the Equality Between Men and Women in Marriage
 - c. Mutual Submission
 - d. No Male Headship – Based on Galatians 3:28
 - i. Problem: There are still Jews, Greeks, Slaves in parts of the World, Males and Females
 - ii. Problem: The Context Is On The Redeemed Community in the Church
 - iii. Galatians 3:26-28
- 2. Traditional Patriarchalism (Traditionalism) – The East**
 - a. Father is the Source of All Power, Authority, and Dominance
 - b. Wife/Mother Takes Strictly Takes Care of the Home, House and Children
 - c. Children Contribute to the Labor of the Home
- 3. Complementarianism – I Believe This Is Biblical**
 - a. Men and Women Complement Each Other By Defined Roles in the Home and Church

Sin Marred God Ordained Roles For Wives

- 1. The Fall of Man into Sin Destroyed the Defined Roles Set Forth In Marriage**
- 2. Colossians 3:18-20 is a Move Back Toward Eden**
 1. The Curse of God on Eve (Genesis 3:16)
 - i. “Desire” = Not Positive
 - ii. Same Word in Gen 4 – Sin’s Desire for Cain

Redemption Restores The Wife’s Role To The Original State

- 1. Genesis 2: Order of Creation**
- 2. Genesis 2:18 – Eve was Created For Adam**
- 3. The New Testament Teaches This**
 1. 1 Corinthians 11:8 and 1 Timothy 2:12-14

Submission Of Wives Is Not Natural, It Is Supernatural

- 1. Colossians 3:26 – Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly**
- 2. Ephesians 5:22 and Being Filled With the Holy Spirit (See Verse 19)**
- 3. Word and Spirit: Enables Godly Living**

Submission Of Wives Reveals The Mystery Of The Gospel

- 1. Ephesians 5:22-27, 31-32**
- 2. Christ is Husbandly Head of the Church**
- 3. The Church is The Bride of Christ Who Submits To His Loving Leadership**

Submission Of Wives Is To Be As Unto The Lord

- 1. Sole Allegiance is to Christ: Obedience to God’s Commands No Matter How Great or Foolish a Husband May Be**