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We sit (your position in Christ)
We walk (your life & conduct)
We stand (your defense against
the enemy)



submitting [placing yourselves under as a servant] to one another in the fear of [the attitude of submission to] God.

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- **Jesus submission His parents (Luke 2:51)**
- **Demons submitted to the disciples (Luke 10:17)**
- **Citizens should submit to government authority (Romans 13:1 and 5, Titus 3:1, 1 Peter 2:13)**
- **The universe will submit to Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:27, Ephesians 1:22)**
- **Spiritual beings submit to Jesus (1 Peter 3:22)**
- **Christians should submit to church leaders (1 Corinthians 16:15-16, Hebrews 13:17)**
- **Wives should submit to husbands (Colossians 3:18, Titus 2:5, 1 Peter 3:5, Ephesians 5:22-24)**
- **The church should submit to Jesus (Ephesians 5:24)**
- **Servants should submit to masters (Titus 2:9, 1 Peter 2:18)**
- **Christians should submit to God (Hebrews 12:9, James 4:7)**



³ But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Corinthians 11:3



²³ And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:23-24



**⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently
and in order.**

1 Corinthians 14:40



**Wives, submit to your own
husbands, as [you would] to
the Lord.**

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³ Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ² when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

1 Peter 3:1-2



[Why?] For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

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Ephesians 1:22 ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

Colossians 2:10 ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.



Headship

- He loved the church (v. 25)
- He gave Himself up for her (v. 25)
- He sanctified her (v. 26)
- He cleansed her (v. 26);
- He presented her (v. 27)
- He “provides and cares for” the church (v. 29).



⁸ For man is not from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

1 Corinthians 11:8-9



**Therefore, just as the church
[as His bride] is subject
[same word as submission,
hupotasso] to Christ, so let
the wives be to their own
husbands in everything.**

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**Husbands, love your
wives, [how so?] just as
Christ also loved the church
and gave Himself for her,**

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(1) Divine - because this love originates in God Himself)

(2) Self-sacrificing - it is oriented to someone else

(3) One way - he loves whether or not he is loved in return



⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7



**[What does this look like?]
that He might sanctify and
cleanse her with the washing
of water by the word,**

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**[the result of this washing is]
that He might present her to
Himself a glorious church
[or bride], not having spot or
wrinkle or any such thing,
but that she should be holy
and without blemish.**

EPHESIANS 5:27



**So husbands [this how you]
ought to [submit and to] love
their own wives as their own
bodies; he who loves his wife
loves himself [for she is part
of him, his flesh].**

EPHESIANS 5:28



For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

EPHESIANS 5:29



**[What do you mean?] For we
are members of His body, of
His flesh and of His bones.**

EPHESIANS 5:30



“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh [and this does not include anyone else].”

EPHESIANS 5:31



**This is a great mystery,
but I speak concerning
Christ and the church.**

EPHESIANS 5:32



in Ephesians 5:32, the Church and Messiah, as Bride and Groom, are part of the mystery, as Paul reveals that this is the mystery meaning of Genesis 2:24, and the union of husband and wife parallels the union of Messiah and the Church;

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Nevertheless, [in summary
about marriage submissions]
let each one of you in
particular so love his own
wife as himself, and let the
wife see that she respects
her husband.

EPHESIANS 5:33

