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Marriage Matters (Part 3)

To Submit as Christ Submits

2 Corinthians 3:18 – We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit. (CSB)

Marital breakdowns are not caused as much by problems between you and your spouse, but between you and your **Savior**.

I. All relationships that center on Christ begin with **mutual submission**.

Ephesians 5:21 – Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
(NIV)

Galatians 5:13 – For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. (CSB)

II. Wives are to **submit** to husbands out of reverence (fear of) Christ.

Ephesians 5:22, 23, 33 – ²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (NIV)

Philippians 2:3-8 – ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. ⁴Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, ⁶who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. ⁷Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, ⁸he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. (NIV)

1 Corinthians 11:3 – But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ. (CSB)

Genesis 3:16 – Your desire will be for your husband, yet he will rule over you. (CSB)

Genesis 3:17-19 – ¹⁷To Adam he said,... “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” (NIV)

Thought for the Week:

The husband's **blue** and the wife's **pink**
when combined in **unity** before Christ
becomes God's **purple**.

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