



- A. Marital submission is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's authority, and a disposition help him carry out his leadership through leveraging her God-given gifts
- B. God may use submission to win unbelieving husbands **(1 Peter 3:1-2)**
  - 1. Even if some husbands have heard the gospel but rejected it, the conduct of wives may win them over **(1 Peter 3:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:19, 23)**
  - 2. This conduct must be Godward in its motivation **(1 Peter 3:2)**
- C. Three other divine purposes for submission of wives to husbands
  - 1. It is proper **(Colossians 3:18)**
  - 2. It prevents the word of God from being reviled **(Titus 2:3-5)**
  - 3. It preaches the gospel **(Ephesians 5:22-33)**

## 1 PETER 3:1-2

*Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,  
<sup>2</sup> when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.*

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. What is the significance to the word “likewise” at the beginning of 1 Peter 3:1?

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2. How does understanding the context of the command for wives to submit to husbands help us grasp the meaning of submission?

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3. What does it mean for a husband to be the head of his wife? How can this truth help us grasp what it means that Christ is the head of the church?

4. How is it that an unbelieving husband can be won by the conduct of his wife? What might that look like?

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5. What are the divine purposes behind Godward submission of wives to their husbands?