
Young Adults
1st Peter 3:1-7



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1 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.

3 Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—

4 rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

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.

Observations

Using a highlighter pen highlight the following in the Biblical text (make the highlight large enough to see):

The word **grace** every time it appears in this section of scripture.

The word **submit, submissive, submitting**, etc., every time it appears in this section of Scripture.

The word **obey & obeyed** every time it appears in this section of Scripture.

Study Notes:

1) Who are wives to be subject to? Who does this NOT include? Then who do the sisters who are *not* married need to be subject to?

2) What does it mean to be subject to your husband? In what ways is this similar or different than the previous passages, which command servants to submit to masters and all of us to submit to authorities/governments?

3) If you were married, what do you think your husbands could do to make this easier and more pleasant for you? Guys, how could you make submitting easier and more pleasant for your wives?

4) According to Peter what makes a woman beautiful?

5) In our text the apostle reveals a wife's most powerful influence in her husband's life—what is it?

6) What does it mean for husbands to dwell with their wife with “understanding”? How does understanding differ from knowledge and wisdom?

The list of essential* Christian doctrines that emerge from the early creeds and councils includes:

- (1) Human depravity
- (2) Christ's virgin birth
- (3) Christ's sinlessness
- (4) Christ's deity
- (5) Christ's humanity
- (6) God's unity
- (7) God's Triunity
- (8) The necessity of God's grace
- (9) The necessity of faith
- (10) Christ's atoning death
- (11) Christ's bodily resurrection
- (12) Christ's bodily ascension
- (13) Christ's present high priestly service
- (14) Christ second coming, final judgment (heaven and hell), and reign.

*These doctrines define the historic orthodox Christian faith. To reject or deny any of these is to move from orthodoxy to heresy. List any verse(s) from our text that can be used to support one or more of these doctrines.