

091 - What Submitting to One Another Is - 2016-05-08 - Ephesians 5:21

Call to Worship: James 4:6-7

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:6-24

Sermon: "What Submitting to One Another Is"

Benediction: Philippians 3:20-21

INTRODUCTION

We have been introduced to the subject of submitting by being show that it is a picture of Christians filled with the Spirit. Christians filled with the Spirit, in whom the word of Christ is dwelling abundantly, are seen submitting to one another in the fear of God, in reverence for Christ.

We then considered how excellent a thing submitting is.

We see the excellence of submitting in that it is characteristic of Spirit-filled Christians

We see the excellence of submitting in that it is in keeping with God's perfect law of love, especially the 5th commandment, "Honor your father and your mother."

We see the excellence of submitting in that it is an important part of keeping Christians and the church safe from attacks by the world

We see the excellence of submitting in that it is an integral part of winning the lost to faith Jesus Christ

We see the excellence of submitting in that it is a sure way to re-gain good traditions of the past that are being lost in our generation

We see the excellence of submitting in that it is characteristic of God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in relationship with His human parents

We see the excellence of submitting in that it is characteristic God the Son in relationship with God the Father

Today we go on to work on understanding what submitting is. I don't trust the understanding I have picked up from my 20th and 21st century American culture. If I have learned anything right about submission, I don't suppose I have a very good whole concept---I probably need more learning about it.

So, if we are to be Spirit-filled Christians submitting to one another in reverence for Christ, let's work to understand what submitting is.

TEXT

I'll read from previous verses, and I'll go on to the next verse, so that you are reminded of the connection with what we have studied before, and what we will be studying.

Ephesians 5:17-22 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (18) And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, (19) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, (20) giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, (21) submitting to one another in the fear of God. (22) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

BODY

- I. Set in your mind that submitting, like everything else in the bible, is about our Lord Jesus Christ
 - A. He is the great submitter, his the great submitting
 - B. His submitting is the great thing; ours is the lesser thing
 - C. Our submitting is in Him, by Him, through Him, because of Him, unto Him
 - D. more about that near the end; meanwhile, do not lose sight of Jesus Christ on the cross, in submission to the will of God, while we talk about our submitting to one another
- II. Let us learn what the word means
 - A. a roundup of the the English words
 1. submitting, submit, submission
 2. subjecting, subject, subjection
 3. subordinate, insubordinate, insubordination
 - B. an analysis of the original Greek word
 1. as a compound
 2. as commonly used
- III. Let us learn what submitting really is, how it works
 - A. The Believing Centurion Will Explain This To Us - Luke 7:6-8 And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. (7) Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. (8) For I too am a man **placed/set [G5021 *tasso*] under [G5259]** authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."
 1. placed or set = *tasso*

2. under = *hupo*
 3. He and the other soldiers have been set or placed in the arrangement they are in
 - a) he is under a higher officer as his authority
 - b) the soldiers of his unit are under him as their authority
 4. Having been set or placed in that arrangement of being under authority
 - a) the one set in authority over says, "go" and the one set under authority goes
 - b) the one set in authority over says, "come" and the one set under authority comes
 - c) the one set in authority over says, "do this" and the one set under authority does it
- B. Peter and Sarah Will Team Up to Explain It To Us - 1 Peter 3:5-6 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.
1. Sarah was very beautiful to look at, the bible says, even when she was quite old
 2. Sarah also would have had very beautiful and expensive jewelry
 3. But her more important beauty lay in submission to her husband
 4. This submission took two forms that we know of
 - a) Sarah obeyed her husband Abraham
 - b) Sarah, speaking to herself, called her husband Abraham "lord"
- C. James and Solomon Will Team Up to Explain It To Us - James 4:1-7 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? (2) You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. (3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. (4) Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (5) Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? (6) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." (7) Therefore **submit** to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
1. Naturally, because of the sin in your flesh, you lust after the things of this world
 2. You try to get them by fighting and warring
 3. If you pray, you're only praying that God will give you what your flesh desires
 4. In living like that, you are showing that you are proud
 - a) which the world praises as virtuous

- b) but the word of God condemns as sinful
- 5. To submit is to humble yourself, being the opposite of proud
 - a) rejecting pride, embracing humility
 - b) seeking not what fleshly pleasures the world has, but what true pleasures come by God's grace

IV. Summary of This Doctrine

- A. Submitting is placing yourself under the one who is over you in authority, so that you come, go, and do as he tells you
- B. Submitting is making yourself beautiful by behaving toward the one in authority in such ways as obeying him and speaking to yourself of him as "lord" or "master"
- C. Submitting is rejecting the prideful striving for worldly pleasures, and embracing the humble seeking of God's grace

V. See in the concept of submitting all of our sin and all of Christ's righteousness

- A. in the garden of Eden, we did not submit
 - 1. the mere suggestion that we could have some kind of pleasure for ourselves if only we would not do the will of God, and we did our own will instead of God's
 - 2. so all of our sin flows from not submitting to God in the Garden of Eden
- B. in the garden of Gethsemane, He did submit
 - 1. the understanding of imminent, brutal, violent torture and death did not move our dear Lord Jesus out of submission to God the Father
 - 2. in the midst of His great agony, sweating great drops of blood, our Savior cried, "Not my will, but Yours."
 - 3. it was the will of God the Father that Jesus Christ our Lord live in perfect obedience; and our Lord submitted to Him perfectly in that
 - 4. it was the will of God the Father that Jesus Christ our Lord take the punishment that sinners deserved; and our Lord submitted to Him perfectly in that
- C. now the grace of God commands you repent, to turn from you non-submitting; and to believe on Jesus Christ, to trust in His perfect submitting; and so Jesus Christ's death on the cross will be counted as satisfying the wrath of God for your failure to submit; and the righteousness of Jesus Christ in submitting to God will be credited to your account; you will be counted submissive to God in and through the great submitter, our Lord Jesus

Amen.

- I. Submit (elsewhere “be subject”)
 - A. from analyzing the word
 - 1. take the compound word apart: sub mit
 - a) sub
 - (1) Greek is *hupo*
 - (2) Latin is *sub*
 - (3) English is “under”
 - b) mit or ject
 - (1) Greek is *tasso*
 - (2) Latin is *mitto* or *iectus*
 - (3) English is “place” or “set” or “put” or “arrange”
 - 2. put the compound word back together:
 - a) place under;
 - b) set under;
 - c) put under;
 - d) arrange under
 - B. from reading the old scholars
 - 1. A.T. Robertson: old military figure to line up under, common in the *Koine* for such obedience
 - 2. Strong: to put under
 - 3. Thayer: to arrange under
 - 4. Albert Barnes: The word denotes that . . . which soldiers render to their officers. It implies . . . a willingness to occupy our proper place, to yield to the authority of those over us.
 - C. from listening to the believing centurian
 - 1.
 - D. APPLICATION

1. This is the church militant, the church at war. Fall in! Take your place in the formation.
 - a) We will be told in the next chapter: Put on the full armor of God.
 - b) That is cool, but think of a soldier who has all his armor on, but won't take his place in the line.
 - (1) it's bad for him---he'll be overwhelmed by the enemy
 - (2) it's bad for his friends---the shield wall won't be as strong

II. To One Another

RWP:

old military figure to line up under, common in the *Koine* for such obedience

English words

submit = Latin to send under

subject = Latin to place under

G5293 *hupotasso*

from G5259 *hupo*

and G5021 *tasso*

Latin *submitto*

sub = under

mitto = to send

Latin *subiectus*

used 23 times in Pauline epistles

it is never used in Paul's letters for mutual submission

1828 Webster

v. t. To yield, resign or surrender to the power, will or authority of another; with the reciprocal pronoun

v. i. To be subject; to acquiesce in the authority of another

1 Chronicles 29:23-25 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. (24) All the leaders and the mighty men,

and also all the sons of King David, submitted themselves to King Solomon. (25) So the LORD exalted Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

James 4:6-7 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE **HUMBLE**." (7) Therefore **submit** to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Urroz

It is NOT mutual submission Paul is talking about here, but submission to authority.

"one another"

Rev 6:4 men would slay one another

directional, in proper order

From the definition of the word: to arrange oneself under

Ephesians 1:22 And He put all things **under [G5259 hupo]** His feet, and gave Him to be head **over [G5228 hyper]** all things to the church,

under

Matthew 8:9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

Galatians 4:1-2 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, (2) but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

over

Matthew 24:45-47 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? (46) Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. (47) Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

Luke 1:31-33 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. (32) He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

(33) And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 9:1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

Luke 19:17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

John 17:1-2 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, (2) as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

Acts 6:3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

Acts 7:9-10 "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him (10) and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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

Hebrews 3:5-6 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, (6) but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Hebrews 10:19-22 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, (20) by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, (21) and having a High Priest over the house of God, (22) let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

From creation

From ordinances to deal with the effects of sin

Genesis 9:5-6 Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. (6) "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

God has instituted an order of things, to bless us in dealing with the effects of sin. In that order, someone is authorized to shed the blood of man for the sake of protecting man.

When we read of that order in more detail, we read that the order calls for some to be over and others to be under.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

From the ultimate and secondary

From the statements of submissive people

Sarah: "my lord"

From the words of our Lord Jesus Christ

"Thy will be done." G2307