



Outline of Colossians

1. Introduction and prayers	(1:1-14)
2. The supremacy of Christ and Paul's work proclaiming Him	(1:15-2:5)
3. Encouragement to hold firmly to Christ and a warning about false spirituality	(2:6-23)
4. Instructions about new life in Christ and the renewed relationships it produces	(3:1-4:6)
5. Closing greetings	(4:7-18)



The Christian Family: Colossians 3:18-21

<p>¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.</p> <p>²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.</p>	<p>¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.</p> <p>²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.</p>
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18: Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

- This is countercultural and follows God's design in marriage. The wife models the church.
- To submit is to voluntarily accept or yield to the authority or will of another.
- Not blind obedience! It is deeply connected to husband's loving role.

Ephesians 5:22-33	1 Peter 3:1-7	Genesis 2:18-24	Revelation 19:7-8
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19: Husbands, love your wives, do not be harsh with them.

- This is countercultural and follows God's design in marriage. The husband models Christ.
- To love is to sacrifice and give yourself in the interests of the other.
- Not a command to assert authority! The husband is not harsh and even puts the wife's interests above his own.

Ephesians 5:22-33	1 Peter 3:1-7	Genesis 2:18-24	Revelation 19:7-8
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20: Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

- This is countercultural and follows God’s design for the family. The child models Christ.
- To obey is to receive and follow instruction, order and discipline.
- Not blind obedience! It is deeply connected to the parents’ encouraging role.

Ephesians 6:1-4	Exodus 20:12	Luke 2:41-52	Proverbs 23:25	Proverbs 1:8-9
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21: Fathers, (Parents) do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

- This is countercultural and follows God’s design for the family. The parents model God.
- To not provoke is: to not exasperate, to not aggravate.
- Not a command to assert authority! Parents nurture kids’ relationship to authority.

Ephesians 6:1-4	Psalm 103:13	1 Timothy 3:4	Proverbs 22:6,15	Proverbs 29:17	Proverbs 13:24
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Summary and application

- This is countercultural, reflects Christ, and follows God’s design for the family.
- This is applied individually and together.
- God is at work through us to sanctify us and to advance the gospel.

The Church Family

Looking out

The impact of the family in Christ

