

***Submitting to One Another
out of Reverence for Christ is
Worship***

Ephesians 5:15-21

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Three Key Ideas from Last Week:

1. The church is a people who have been redeemed by God through Jesus Christ and thus the church is not a building but a people.
2. The contexts for mutual submission are (a) the home, (b) clusters of families, and (c) the larger gatherings of the church.
3. The call to mutual submission in the church is the call to walk in humility before one another which does not undo God-given authority structures.

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Ephesians 3:14-19

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power **through his Spirit** in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”*

Psalm 27:4

*“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will
I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of
the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon
the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his
temple.”*

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Titus 3:1-8

“Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Titus 3:1-8

“...For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:1-8

*...whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, **so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.***”

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Worship – Submission = Hypocrisy

*(See Isaiah 58:1-4; Amos 5:1-24; and
Matthew 23:1-12)*