

July 7,8 2018

“Godly Submission”
Ephesians 5:21-33

Message by Jennifer Roth
Worship led by Jeff Brown

Music:

The Lord Our God	This I Believe	Tremble
Your Great Name	Christ Be All Around Me	

Sermon:

Godly submission is universal to all believers.

Ephesians 5:21: And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Philippians 2:3-8: Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Submission that leads to growth means aligning my will and freedom with God's will and freedom. God's will for us includes freely submitting to each other out of love and reverence for Christ.

Godly submission does not come naturally.

Romans 8:6-8: So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

Godly submission is the privilege and blessing of every wife.

Never think in lowering yourself you have less power for good.

Luke 6:38: Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap.

John 15:9-12: I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

Resources:

DOES YOUR PARTNER...

CHARM

act extremely charming
& flatter you constantly,
almost seeming
"too good to be true"?

want to move too quickly in the
relationship, pressure you into sexual
activity, or won't let you use birth control?

PRESSURE

BLAME

take no responsibility for
their behavior and
constantly blames others?

ISOLATE

want you all to themselves and
insist you stop spending time
with family and friends?

ACT JEALOUS

accuse you of flirting or cheating?

criticize you and put you down,
or say you are crazy, stupid,
unattractive, or unlovable?

MAKE YOU FEEL CRAZY

CONTROL

want to know where you are
all the time and frequently
calls or texts you?

DISCOURAGE

limit your participation in
school, sports, activities,
hobbies, or even work?

IGNORE

disregard your boundaries
and dismiss your opinions?

SABOTAGE

take your money or run
up debt in your name?

DEMAND

require you to share
passwords for social
media accounts?