

Victorious Wives

- A. We live in the midst of a confused culture wherein the most fundamental aspects of humanity are frequently blurred and distorted.
- B. We've been following the lead of Jesus ("Have you not read?" *Matt 19:4*) in going back to the beginning in order to find rock-solid, God-shaped ground on which to stand and build.
- C. What does it mean, according to God, to be a victorious wife?
 - 1. *Ephesians 5:22-33* establishes the fact that marriage is a portrait, a reflection, a momentary parable of the relationship of Christ to his church (*Rev 19:6-9*).
 - 2. Neither wives nor husbands can fully understand our respective callings to submission and headship in *Ephesians 5* without first submitting to the cosmos-ruling Christ of *Ephesians 1*.

I. Victorious Wives _____ the _____ of God

- A. God's desire: to unite all things in him (*Eph 1:3-10, 19-23*).
- B. God's blueprint: a household built on Christ (*Eph 2:17-22*).
 - 1. Where _____ are heeded (*Gen 3:1-8*).
 - 2. Where the creative _____ is respected (*1 Tim 2:13; 1 Cor 11:3*).
 - 3. Where _____ are answered (*Eph 5:15-24*).

II. Victorious Wives _____ to Their Own _____

- A. Why? Because ultimately their submission is God-ward (*Eph 5:22-24*).
- B. Submission is *not*:
 - 1. Being a _____
 - 2. About who is superior
 - 3. Being _____
 - 4. A burden to be borne
 - 5. A _____ to be used when a wife wants something
- C. Submission *is* an attitude of the _____ that feeds God-honoring action.

III. Victorious Wives are Powerful _____ for _____

- A. God has designed and prescribed precious, imperishable beauty of the _____ (*1 Pet 3:3-4*).
- B. When wives submit their wills to the will of the cosmos-ruling Christ, the influence that is created is powerful (*1 Pet 3:1-2*).