

Jesus Placed Submission in Context

- All submission is under the context of His:
- *whoever desires to become great, let him **be your servant**. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him **be your slave** — **just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.***
- ***Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; Phil. 2:5-7***

Submission: A Privilege and Honor

- Jesus' submission is our "*shield of faith.*"
- When the world scoffs at those who "*turn the other cheek,*" as being weak.
- When a husband serves his wife and earns the scorn as a henpecked husband.
- When a wife's submissive is mocked.
- Our Shield of Faith:
- Jesus stood before those who mocked and scorned Him.
- As Jesus had nothing to grasp neither do we
- Our Greatness in the kingdom is at stake.

Context of Ephesians

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, Eph 4:17-19

*Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us... 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** ... 10 **proving what is acceptable to the Lord.** 11 And have **no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather expose them. Eph 5:1-2; 8-12*

The Context of Ephesians

- *15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 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 Christ. Eph 5:15-21*

3 Comparisons of Submission of Wives

- *22 Wives, ... to your own husbands, as* to the Lord.*
- *23 For the husband is head of the wife, as* also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. d*
- *24 Therefore, just as* the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Eph 5:22-24*
- ** – **hos** ... just as, even as, exactly as*

A New Role Model

- Jesus wanted wives to see their relationship to Him as the basis for their role as a wife.
- Jesus knew multitudes of Christians would come from homes who did not know Him.
- Raised in difficult environments, without a good example, many women would struggle and fail as a wife.
- He knew the “*vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,*” would contradict Scripture, creating many obstacles to overcome.
- So He gave a quick and easy way for her to grow.

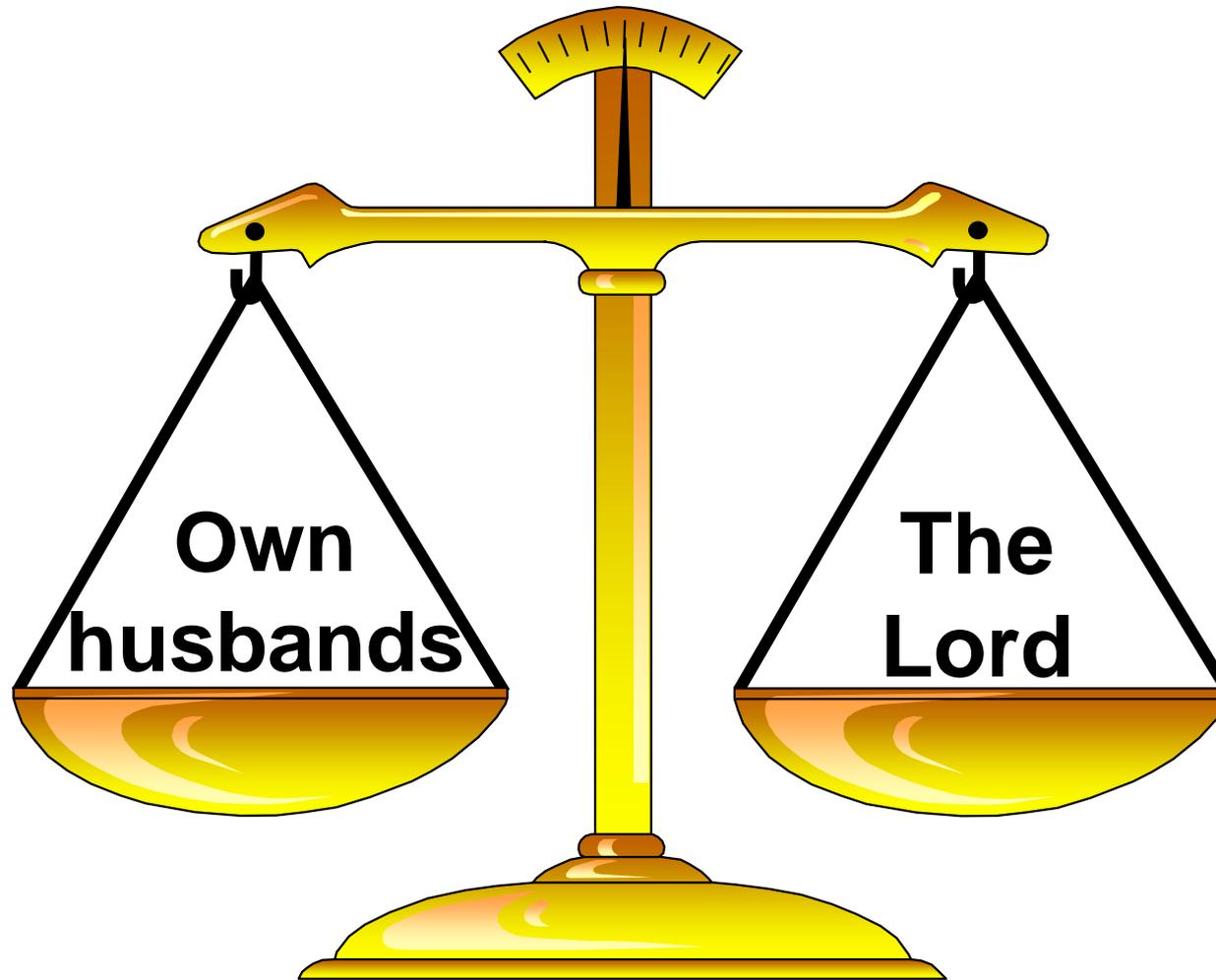
A New Standard: Submission to Jesus

- Her devotion to Jesus is new standard for her devotion to her husband.
- By trusting this with all her heart she would cease being “*conformed to this world,*” and also be “*transformed by the renewing of your mind.*”
- The “*schemes of men*” leading to failed marriages would be abandoned.
- The foundation of a successful and happy marriage could then be laid.

1st Comparison for Full Submission

- *Wives, submit to your own husbands, **as** to the Lord.*
- In exactly the same way that a Christian disciple is in submission to the Lord Jesus Christ, she must also be to her own husband.
- As she is growing as a Christian more and more submissive to Jesus
- She is also growing as a wife, more and more submissive to her husband.
- If she refuses to do this, she is not cheating her husband, but herself.

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Wives Submit

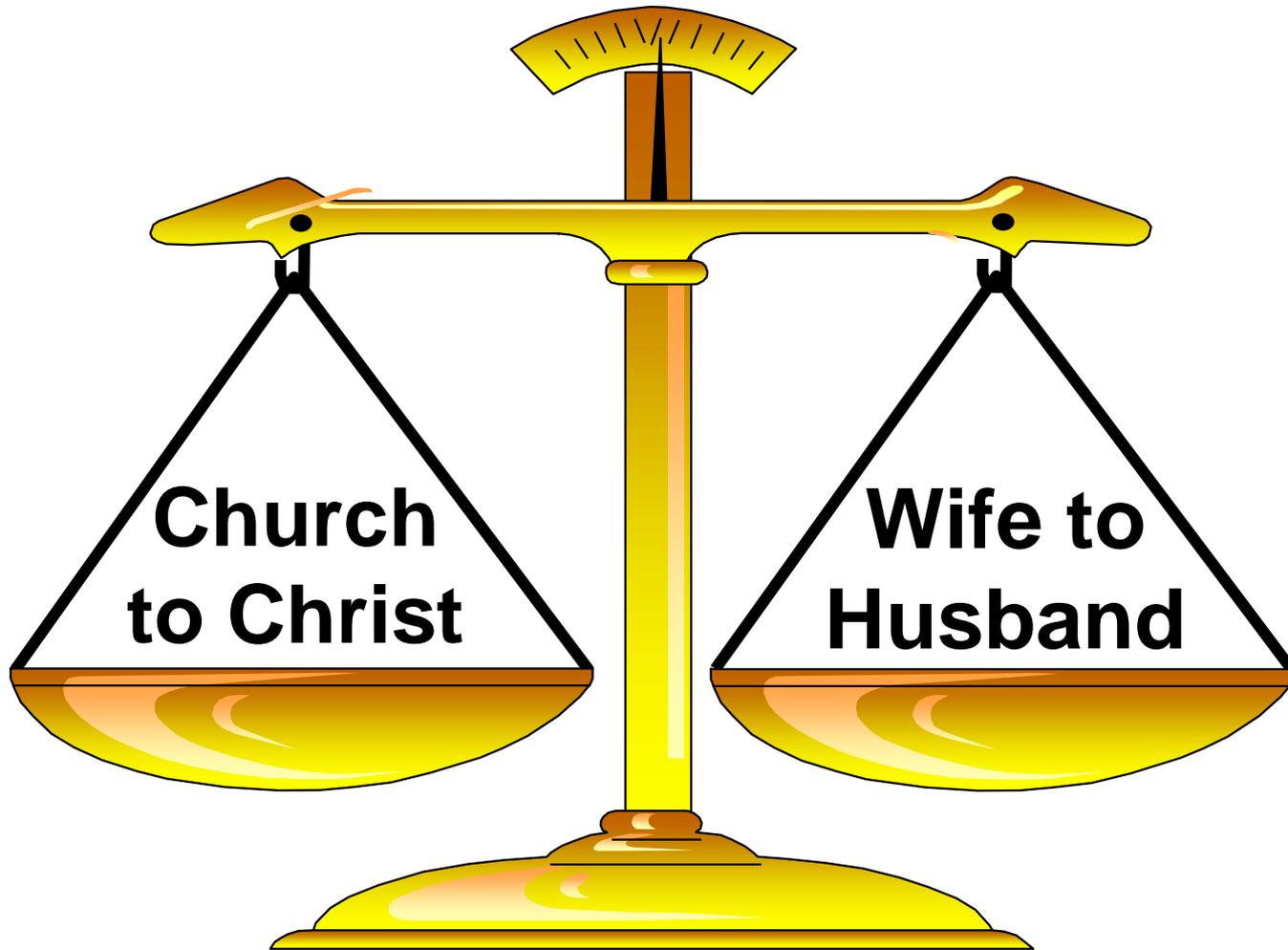
As a Woman Grows as a Christian...

- **... Her Marriage will Grow with it.**
- service to Jesus is linked to her service to husband
- A devout Christian woman channels her devotion to Jesus toward her own husband. Barriers to submission are gradually lowered and removed.
- Blessings of true submission enter her home.

2nd Comparison for Full Submission

- *23 For the husband is head of the wife, **as** also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.*
- *In exactly the same way God made Jesus the head over all things to the church He also made the husband the head of the wife.*
- *And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, Eph. 1:22-23*

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God Made the Head

God Made Christ and Husband: Head

- **not difficult to understand.** Yet because of the schemes of men, it can seem unfair / harsh. As we learn to trust Scripture, it must be accepted as truth
- A reality that was part of God's order of creation.
- *man is not from woman, but woman from man.
Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man, 1Cor 11:8-9*
- *For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 1Tim. 2:13*
- These truths are as much a part of the gospel as Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

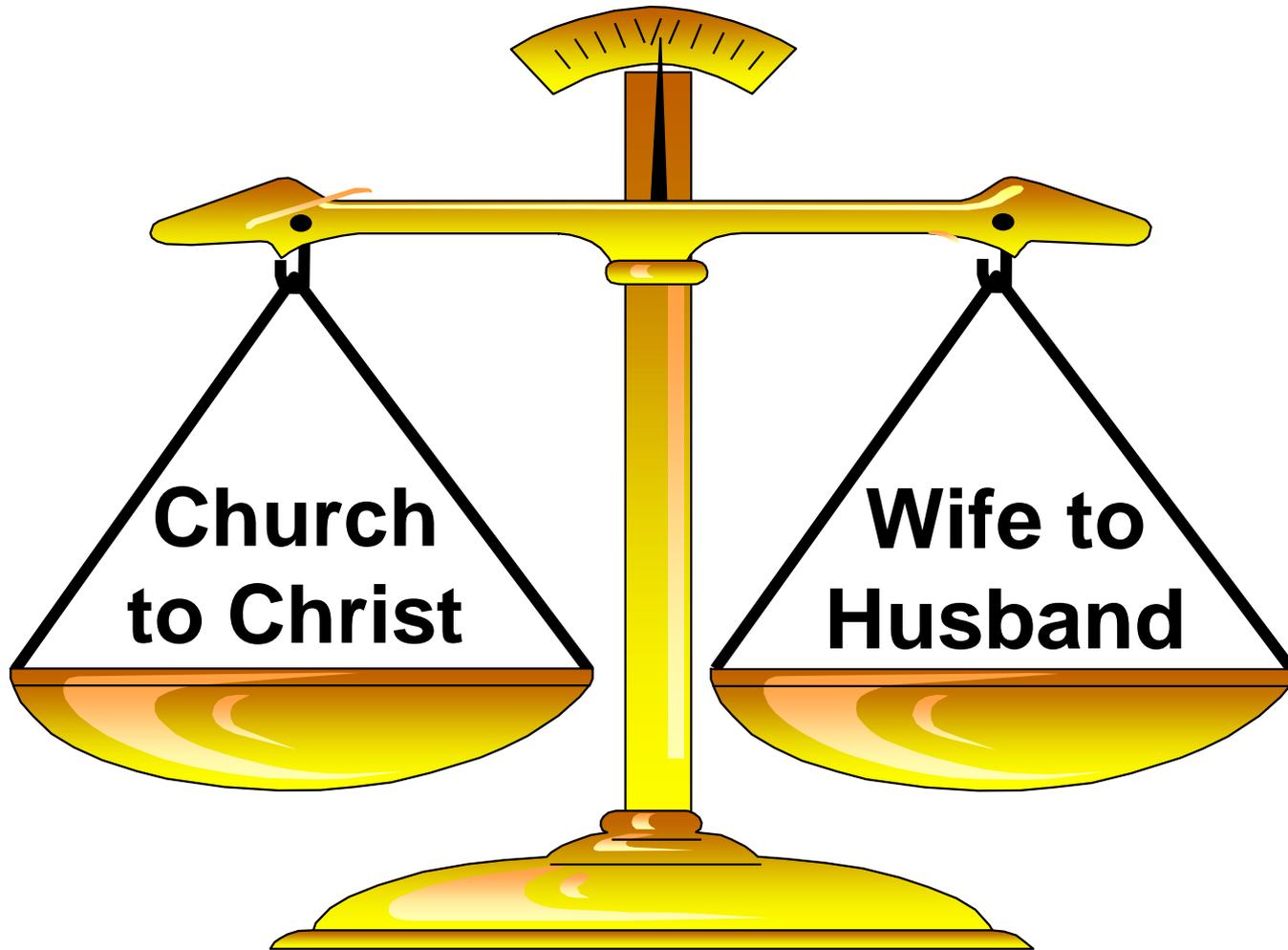
Christ is the Head...

- God sent Jesus from heaven to “*purchase the church with His own blood*” and then made Him “*head of the church,*” for her own best interests and by His divine decree.
- ... **Husband is the Head**
- God created man alone in the garden of Eden.
- After creating Eve as His wife, God made him head over her.
- Those grateful for God’s gracious acts of both creation and redemption must be willing to accept and submit to the conditions God gave.
- *Trust in the Lord with all your heart ... Don’t lean on own understanding ... Not always easy!*

3rd Comparison for Full Submission

- 24 Therefore, **just as** the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Eph 5:22-24
- Therefore = the conclusion: Because:
- the wife submits to her own husband as to Jesus
- God made the husband the head over the wife as Christ over the church:
- In exactly the same way that the church is subject to Jesus Christ
- So let – “*in this manner*” wives must be to their own husbands.

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Subject to

As the Church is Subject to Christ

- *But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Lk. 6:46-47*
- *If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Jn. 8:31-32*
- *If you love Me, keep My commandments. Jn. 14:15*
- Jesus built the church, purchased it with His own blood, and is King of kings and Lord of lords.
- *“you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
1Cor. 6:20*
- Once we understand this submission ... wives are prepared to submit to husband in the same way.

Context / Commands = Not Singled Out

- This is exactly how a wife:
- *“no longer walks as the Gentiles walk in the futility of their minds”*
- *“See then that you walk circumspectly”*
- *“not be unwise, but understand will of the Lord”*
- *“submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.*
- If you reject and refuse because you don't respect your own husband, you aren't cheating your husband.
- You are cheating yourself out of greatness, a good example to others and possibly, out of eternal life.

Submission is Not Always Easy

- *Who in the days of His flesh, having offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and having been heard for His godly fear, & though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which He suffered; Heb. 5:7-8*
- Price He paid to become our Lord and Savior.
- Compared to what Jesus did, our part of this yoke is “*easy and light*” regardless of the difficulties we face.

Power of Submission – 1 Pet 3:1-6

- Influence of submission so powerful, it can bring a conversion even after the gospel is rejected.
- Through submission, a wife can gain an incorruptible, unfading and eternal beauty.
- Heart of gentleness, calmness and serenity that submission develops is very precious in His sight
- This submission was universal among all the holy women who served God during the Patriarchal and Mosaic ages (former times).

- In this manner Sarah submitted to Abraham and called him lord: she said “*within herself... After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?*” (Gen. 18:12).
- All women who trust God in these things can have this same holiness and unfading beauty.
- Path to the highest pinnacles of greatness.
- Can all be done in her home with her husband.
- She will then take her place among the greatest women who have walked the earth.
- A true and worthy daughter of Sarah.