

Spirit-Filled Attitude toward Authority

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 128

Ephesians 5:21

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¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, in which is reckless waste,¹ but *instead* be filled with² the Spirit ¹⁹by speaking to one another³ in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord;²⁰ by giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, the Father;⁴ ²¹by subordinating yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ: ²²wives, to your own husbands, as to the Lord....
(*Ephesians 5:18-22 DJP*)

Introduction: Paul has been telling us how to be a Spirit-filled church of Jesus Christ

I. In Ephesians 5

A. A Popular View: “_____” Submission

1. The gist

2. The issues

B. A _____ View: _____ Verse

1. The **terms**

a. **Verb:** *Subordinating yourselves* (*hupotassomenoi* – *hupo* [under] + *tassō* [arrange])

b. **Noun:** *to one another*

2. The _____

a. Looking *back* – Ephesians 4

b. Looking *ahead*

i. Verse 22 – *wives, to your own husbands, as to the Lord....*

ii. Chapter 6:1-9

c. So: *hinge!*

¹ Or *profligacy, indulgence*.

² Or *by*.

³ Literally *yourselves*.

⁴ Literally *to the God and Father*, both nouns joined by the single definite article.

II. In the Bible

A. _____: Genesis 1—2

B. Providence (Romans ____:1-7)

Let every soul subordinate itself [*hupotassō*] to superior authorities, for there is not authority except *established* by God, and those which are stand appointed [*tassō*] by God. ² Wherefore, the one who opposes [*antitassomai*] the authority has resisted the institution [*diatagē*] of God, and those who have resisted will receive judgment against themselves. ³ For the rulers are not a *cause of fear* for the good work, but rather for the bad. And do you wish not to fear the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from it. ⁴ For it is a servant of God for you resulting in good. But if you do what is bad, do fear! For it does not carry the sword arbitrarily! For it is a servant of God, an avenger resulting in wrath against the one practicing what is bad. ⁵ Therefore it is a necessity to subordinate oneself [*hupotassō*], not only on account of wrath, but rather also on account of conscience. ⁶ For on account of this also do you pay taxes: for they are public servants of God, persisting for this very purpose. ⁷ Render your debts to everyone, tax to whom tax *is owed*, custom to whom custom *is owed*, fear to whom fear *is owed*, honor to whom honor *is owed*. [DJP]

C. Redemption

1. _____: Ephesians 4:11ff.; 1 Corinthians 16:16 [*hupotassō*]; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5

2. _____
 - a. Wives: 1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:22-24, 33; Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:1-6

 - b. Children: Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20

3. _____: Ephesians 6:5-8; Colossians 3:22-25; 1 Timothy 6:1-2; Titus 2:9-10

III. In Practice

A. The Rationale

1. First: our call to subordination is about the _____

2. Second: our call to subordination is about the _____ of _____

B. The Ramifications

1. This is ...

2. This is ...

3. This calls me to...