

Lifting Up Christ In Colossians “Redeemed Marriage”

Colossians 3 18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

A Redeemed Couple Should Have a Reciprocal, Radical, Redemptive Marriage

1. Redeemed Marriage is Reciprocal -

In Christian community there are mutual duties

Romans 5:8

Ephesians 5:21

2. Redeemed Marriage is Radical

Objections to submission

Paul is a woman hating chauvinist. I Cor 16:24 & 2 Cor 2:4 –
This reflects Paul’s culture and is no longer applicable. - vs 19
This makes the woman inferior to the man.

1 Corinthians 11:3

Philippians 2:5-7 .

This will lead to abuse.

3. Redeemed Marriage is Redeeming

“fitting in the Lord” -

Willing respect –

Loving leadership –

It comes down to respect for each other:

Ephesians 5:33

1 Peter 3:7

The husband’s authority is never used to please himself but only to serve the interests of his wife.

A wife is never to be merely compliant but is to use her resources to empower.

A wife is not to give her husband unconditional obedience.

Assuming the role of headship is only done for purposes of ministering to your wife and family.

Tim and Kathy Keller in *The Meaning of Marriage*

Your heart and Gen 3:16