

# 1 PETER 3 vs 1

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**<sup>1</sup> In the same way, you wives be subject to your own husbands** /

wives or any women taking their assignment as seriously as Mary Magdalen or any of the other great women of scripture... building up the spiritual house; of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood... showing forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light -- **1**

**Peter 2**, Peter says to those women, **hypotasso**, as the Son Himself is subject to the Father; as the church is subject to Christ -- **1 Corinthians 15; Ephesians 5...**

**same word**; there is order in the kingdom of God... doing things the right way leading to joy and peace.

These are ideals, not new commandments; in Galatians we read: **Paul was not subject** to the legalist peddlers of manmade traditions, who had come from Jerusalem to cause division.



**so that, if any obey not the word of the Lord Jesus, they also may be won without a word by the behavior of the wives** / they gain and attain by their wife's transformed deeds of grace... and kindness and love which will be obvious in the home, and in the community;

**<sup>2</sup> While they observe your flawless, and respectful behavior.**

**<sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be merely outward: styling hair, wearing gold, or putting on apparel** / again these are not new rules and regulations: such as prohibiting jewelry or clothing. Peter tells us the lively women who are a beautiful part of this royal priesthood... the women of Jesus are equally elegant inside and outside;

**<sup>4</sup> but let it be the hidden person of the heart, in what is not corrupting; a tamed and gentle spirit, which is precious in the sight of God** / not the slow rot of the moral fibers of the world,

**<sup>5</sup> For in this way previously,**

**the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being subject to their own husbands** / they made themselves attractive by agreeing with their husbands, deferring to their husbands... not grudgingly but wisely, tactically; women are smarter than men, but historically, men had to go out into the world, **and fight the battles for their little kingdom of wife and kids**. So, when they got home with the bacon, they didn't need to fight a civil war within the household:

**<sup>6</sup> Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord** / kurios, boss, head of the household; I saw this work out in the marriage of **Jack and Sarah Coleman**: check out the link to her eulogy; **what happens when the miracle you hoped for doesn't happen?**

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**whose children you are, if you do right and are not afraid of any alarming fear**

/ Peter knew that fears in life will come; on the stormy sea of Galilee the disciples were in a panic to keep afloat, and to the situation the Lord appeared walking on the water toward them -- same fear, same panic. Jesus said, be not afraid, it is I. A woman who simply whines and belittles her husband... who doesn't industriously use her smarts and assist her husband; is not a woman of God,

**<sup>7</sup> You husbands, in the same way dwell with them according to knowledge** /

according to knowing God, even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; know what the Lord taught His people; not spouting in pride a bunch of information intended to impress; husbands and fathers are supposed to train up their kids; knowledge is the information the young ones need to act confidently; if husbands and fathers won't teach their families... there is always some pervert who will,

**giving honor to your wife, as to a weaker vessel** /

women are weaker in muscle strength; and often in confidence; but they certainly are not weaker in intelligence and creativity and stamina; a man who does not give his wife honor, who would not stand with her; or die for her, who physically beats her... is not a man of God,

**and as being heirs together of the grace of life,** that your prayers be not hindered /

men are expected to lead the way... as they equally share the gift of life; that your requests to the Lord be answered and not delayed.

**<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you be of one mind harmonious, having compassion for one another, love as brothers and sisters, kind-hearted, lowly-minded:** /

that mind is the mind of Christ; learning and thinking in harmony to what the Lord taught us; / who might scrap and even argue with each other; but the bond between true brothers or sisters can never be broken,

**<sup>9</sup> Not rendering evil for evil, or insult for insult: but speaking good words** / eulogia... **eu =**

**good + logia = words**... Paul tells us there is no eye for eye; or no tooth for tooth, no rendering equal or unequal retribution; but as God our Father always speaks to His adopted children -- grace and peace and mercy and compassion and love. Here, Peter says: speak to each other the same way God speaks to us... because the war is over... **Jesus paid it all; all to Him we owe:** He paid the terrible price for us;

**knowing that you are called, that you inherit a blessing** / in our giving we are blessed.

Next, Peter is inspired to sing a portion of David's song... David who was greatly honored by God... already anointed to be the king, yet in a humiliating situation... fleeing for his life...

**<sup>10</sup> For whoever loves life, and desires to see good days; refrain your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit:**

**<sup>11</sup> Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

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**12** For the eyes of the LORD are toward the right ones, and His ears toward their prayers: but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil -- Psalm 34:12-16.

**13** And who can harm you, if you are zealous for what is good?

**14** But even if you suffer for doing right you are blessed / Peter uses this word 12 times in his letter. We know Jesus learned obedience by what He suffered for us -- Hebrews 5; Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, when He suffered, He uttered no threats -- 1 Peter 2. And Peter says, you are marked with God's favor: just like those Jesus told his students about: the poor in spirit; and those who hunger and thirst to do what is right; like those who are merciful; and those who are peacemakers; like those persecuted and reviled for representing Him:

**Do not fear their terror, nor be troubled** / let nobody intimidate you for doing what is right;

**15** But dedicate your hearts for the Lord God / dedicate and make sacred your hearts -- the core of your being for the Lord God; they knew what prophet Isaiah said: make Him your fear and your dread; and He will be your sanctuary -- Isaiah 8. If the LORD who is powerful beyond comprehension, if He is our greatest fear, if He is our place of safety to run to in time of trouble; then, what can anyone do to us?

dedicate your hearts for the Lord God: always ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you, to account for the hope that is in you; yet do it tamed and with respect:

**16** keep a good conscience; that those evildoers who slander you, who falsely accuse your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

**17** For it is better, if God wills it, that you suffer for doing right, than for doing wrong.

**18** For Christ also once suffered for sins: the Just for the unjust / He suffered doing the Father's will; He was hounded by the devil, and by the romans; doing the Father's will. He was harassed, mocked, falsely accused, viciously treated, as he gave His last breath for the love of His Father. Notice: once -- embraced His entire life; the Godly for the godless; the Holy One for the unholy many; and why?

that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit:

**19** By which also He went and preached to the spirits in prison / whatever this might mean, the Lord of glory, after doing some heavy lifting, He kept working, and it seems the Victor was checking for who was liberated, and who wasn't;

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<sup>20</sup> Who were disobedient, as when once the longsuffering seeming slow-rowing of God... **waited in the days of Noah, while the Ark was prepared,** wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

<sup>21</sup> This water prefigured the baptism that now saves us; not the removal of the dirt of the flesh the baptism that now saves us is: **the answer of a good conscience toward God,**

**by the resurrection of Jesus Christ** / remember: when Jesus baptizes it is with Spirit and fire,

<sup>22</sup> **Who is at the right hand of God,** having gone into heaven; after angels and authorities and powers were made subject to Him / submissive all eternity's citizens and underlings; good and bad to Him.