

Living to Display God's Grace BY GODLY SUBMISSION IN MARRIAGE (PART 2)

1 Peter 3:1-7



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

First: Devalued

Second: Denied

Third: Doubted

“Dominant among the elite was the notion that the woman was by nature inferior to the man. Because she lacked the capacity for reason that the male had, she was ruled rather by her emotions, and was as a result given to poor judgment, immorality, intemperance, wickedness, avarice; she was untrustworthy, contentious, and as a result, it was her place to obey.”

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- I. The Command to Submit to Civil Authority (1 Peter 2:13-17)
- II. The Command to Submit as Christ's Servant (1 Peter 2:18-20)
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What a Christian **wife's** submission **looks like** in her:

Attitude: A wife's marital submission is **always** about her **heart attitude to God** as she submits.

Wives, your submission is not measured by your **husband's** relationship with Christ. Your submission to your husband is measured by **your** relationship with Jesus Christ.

IV. The Command to Submit in Christian Marriage (1 Peter 3:1-7)

What a Christian **wife's** submission **looks like** in her:

Behavior (3:1-2): “...so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.”

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- Respectful: listed **before** *chaste* in the Greek text;
phobos (1:17, 3:15) fear, dread, or terror.
Fear of the Lord = reverence for God.

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Behavior:

- *“...as they observe your pure conduct in the fear of God,”* or
- *“...as they observe your reverence for God by your pure conduct.”*

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Behavior:

- You **don't** reverence your **husband**. What your husband sees is evidence of your **reverence for Jesus**. This is **your heart** for Jesus **displaying the character of Jesus Christ** as you submit to your husband, whether he is a Christian or not.

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Character (3:3-4): *“Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.”*

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What a Christian **wife's** submission **looks like** in her:

Character:

- **Gentle**: meek, humble, mild, soft
- **Quiet**: well-ordered, at rest, reposed.
- **Untroubled** and free of the noise that would distract and disrupt your reverent, Christlike character

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Decorum (3:5-6): *“For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.”*

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What a Christian **wife's** submission **looks like** in her:

Decorum:

- “dignified propriety of behavior, speech, dress, character, etc.”
- A decorous or dignified wife is characterized by a **respectful appreciation** of herself in relationship to her husband, others, her context of life, and **especially** to her Lord.

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Attitude

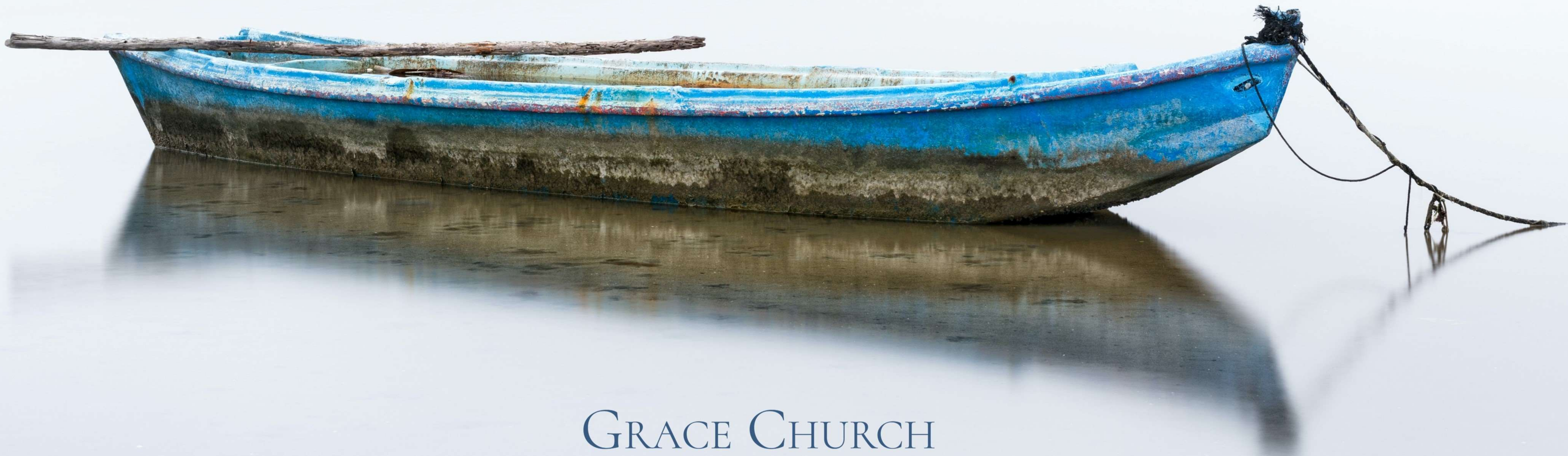
Behavior

Character

Decorum

The ABCs (+ D)
of a wife's submission to her husband
in honor of the Lord.

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