

Living to Display God's Grace BY GODLY SUBMISSION IN MARRIAGE

1 Peter 3:1-7



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

In our fallen world,
submission is an aberration
making suffering a necessity.

Because marriage is a **soul-union** between a man and a woman brought into **spiritual oneness**, it is **fertile** ground for Jesus to plant His seeds of spiritual fruit and grow us into His likeness.

First: Devalued

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Second: Denied

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Second: Denied

Third: Doubted

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)

III. The Call to Suffer as Christ's Servant (1 Peter 2:21-25)

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Attitude (3:1) *"In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands..."*

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- “...so that even if any of them are disobedient...” **Other translations** have, “...so that even if some do not obey...” This takes in **all husbands** married to Christian wives, and Peter then focuses **special attention** on those who live disobedient lives.

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- 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 Christ.

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- “For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake...” (Philippians 1:9)
Jesus is your **example**.

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- *“Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything (Ephesians 5:22-24)*

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- The **exception** to these commands involves **saying no to sin**. Any request, demand, or lifestyle choice a husband makes on his **believing wife** which would **cause her to sin**, she must **decline** to remain faithful to Christ. To help Christians **balance** this principle with submission, Peter held out the Lord Jesus as our **example**.

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- What Peter tackles in the following verses is his **prescription** for the **priorities** of a wife's godly submission. He tells her what she should shun and what she should focus on.

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- Ask yourself: Do I **struggle** with submitting to my husband because I'm striving to **accept** this, or because I'm striving to **apply** this?

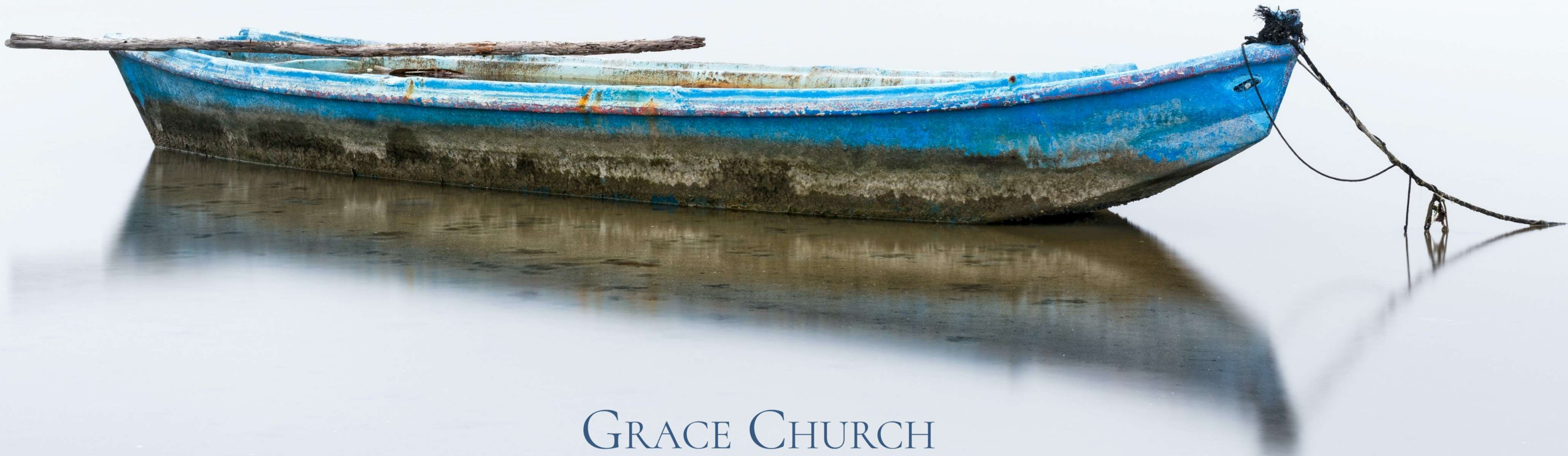
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- When you have your heart settled on your submission to your husband being rooted in your submission to Jesus Christ, it will spiritually propel you light years ahead in your practical, day-to-day ability to **willingly** submit to your husband even in the face of his **faults** and **failures** toward you.

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