

# Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a line of trees in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

**COLOSSIANS:**  
**Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**What Is Love?**  
**Colossians 3:18;**  
**1 Corinthians 13:4–7**

**Col. 3:18, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.**

**Col. 3:19, “Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.**

**Col. 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.**

**Col. 3:21, “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”**

# Divine Purpose, Judgment, Redemption Solution

## Purpose

- To co-rule;
- To assist, help Adam;
- To multiply & fill the earth

## Judgment

- Desire to rule over her husband
- Increased pain, sorrow in relation to birth

## Redemption

- Submit to your husband as is fitting in the Lord (Col. 3:18, Eph. 5:22, 23)

*Ishah*

**PERFECT ENVIRONMENT**

**SINFUL, WORLDLY ENVIRONMENT**

**SPIRITUAL RECOVERY**

- To co-rule, lead;
- To guard, keep the garden;
- To multiply & fill the earth

- In toil you will eat
- Opposition from creation (thorns, thistles)
- Sweat of your brow

- Love your wife as Christ loved the church, and do not be embittered against her. (Col. 3:19, Eph. 5:24–33)

*Ish*

# Conclusions

- 1. Authority as a principle is intrinsically good.**
- 2. Authority was never designed as a solution to the chaos of sin; authority provides order for excellence in execution of the objective.**
- 3. Subordination is not intrinsically bad, but reflects the need for order and mutual dependence.**
- 4. The belief that submission implies inferiority is an assault on the Trinity, the Incarnation, the cross, and therefore on the foundation of all biblical teaching.**
- 5. Authority and submission are corrupted by sin, sinful creatures and cultures.**

## **Conclusions**

- 6. The only solution begins at the cross, which removes the judgment of sin, and provides the foundation for understanding and restoring our God-designed purposes and roles.**
- 7. Only through the filling of the Holy Spirit and the rich indwelling of the Word of Christ can the corruption of sin in our thinking, our marriages, our families, be reversed so we can truly pursue God's plan for our lives.**

**Wives are commanded to submit.**

**Husbands are commanded to love.**

**Why?**

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**1 Cor. 13:5, “does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;**

**1 Cor. 13:6, “does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;**

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**pres act indic 3 sing**

**to be patient, persistent, persevering**

**not easily angered or provoked**

**Psa. 103:8, “The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.”**

**James 5:8, “You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

**James 5:9, “Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!”**

**Matt. 18:21, “Then Peter came to Him and said, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?’**

**Matt. 18:22, “Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’ ”**

**Eph. 4:2, “with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,”**

**Col. 1:11, “strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;**

**Col. 3:12, “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;”**

**Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE: joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**

**Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”**

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the illegitimate desire for what

others have as the source of

one's own happiness

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στέγω *stegō*  
pres act indic 3 sing  
to cover; to endure

ὑπομένω *hypomenei*  
pres act indic 3 sing  
to endure, remain, wait  
upon

**Affection Love**  
*phileo*

**WHAT IS LOVE?**

**Affection love, friendship,  
emotion**



**Foundational  
Love (*agape*)**

**Virtue, Volitional,  
Loyalty, Respect,  
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