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The Servant Solution

Eph. 5:22–6:9

Col. 3:16–24

1 Pet. 2:18–3:7

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Eph. 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Eph. 6:5, “Slaves [NKJV bondservants *doulos*], be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

Eph. 6:6, “not with eyeservice [*opthalmadoulia*], as men-pleasers, but as slaves [bondservants *doulos*] of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

Eph. 6:7, “with goodwill doing service [*douleuo*], as to the Lord, and not to men,

Eph. 6:8, “knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”

TWO key concepts in all of these passages for marriage, family, the home.

1. An emphasis on service.

2. Motivation is future rewards at the judgment seat of Christ.

The Attack

**“The nuclear family must be destroyed ...
Whatever its ultimate meaning, the break-
up of families now is an objectively
revolutionary process.”**

~Linda Gordon, feminist, prof of history



The Attack

“Since marriage constitutes slavery for women, it is clear that the women’s movement must concentrate on attacking this institution. Freedom for women cannot be won without the abolition of marriage.”

~Sheila Cronin, the leader of the feminist organization NOW



The Attack

“Marriage as an institution developed from rape as a practice.”

~Andrea Dworkin



The Attack

“I feel that ‘man-hating’ is an honorable and viable political act, that the oppressed have a right to class-hatred against the class that is oppressing them.”

~Robin Morgan, *Ms.* Magazine Editor



Reminder: The Biblical view

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

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Marriage is a Divine Institution

A divine institution is not a creaturely convention, but was ordained by God as part of the social makeup of his image-bearers for the protection, perpetuation, and stability of the human race.

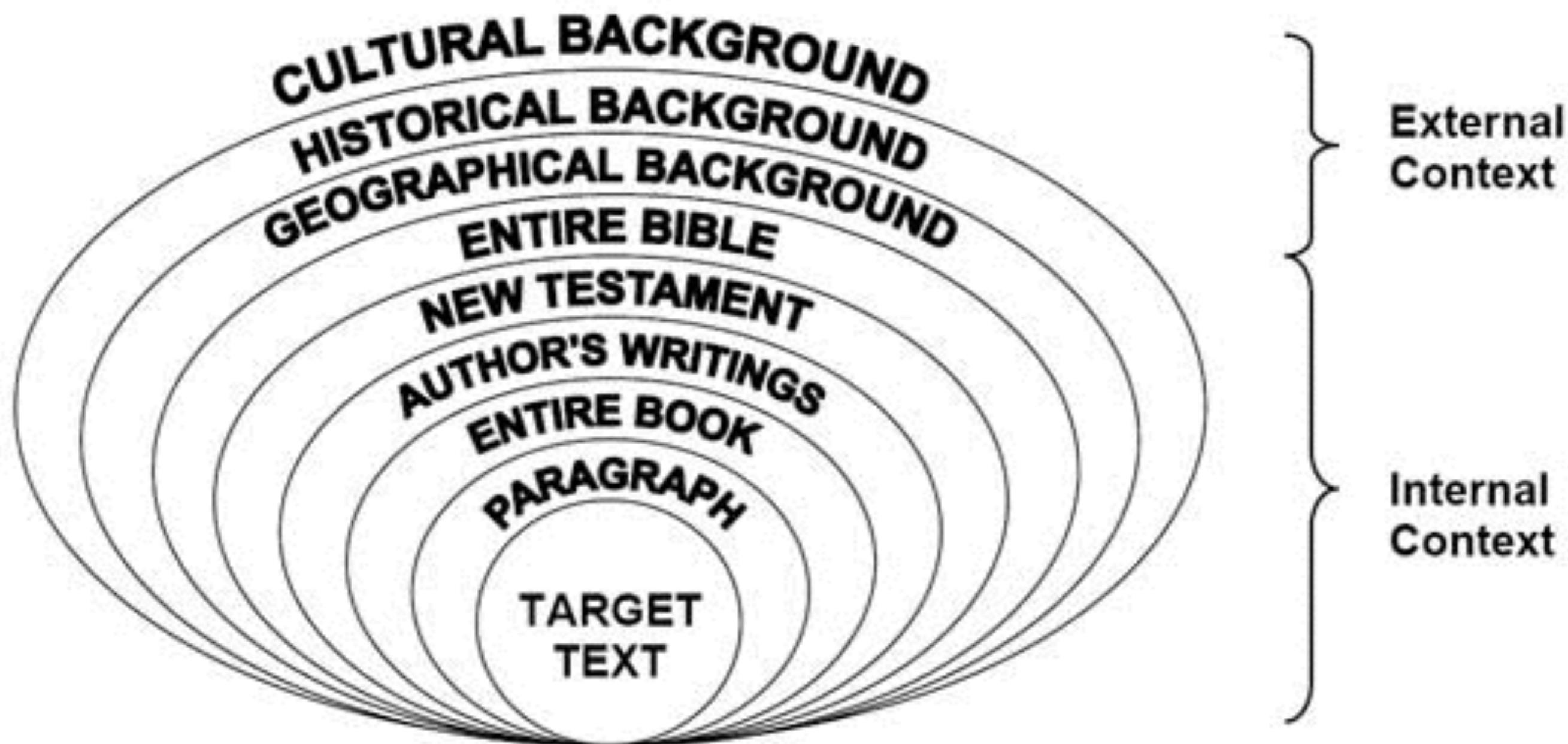
Divine institutions are for all, believer or unbeliever, male or female, and every race and ethnicity.

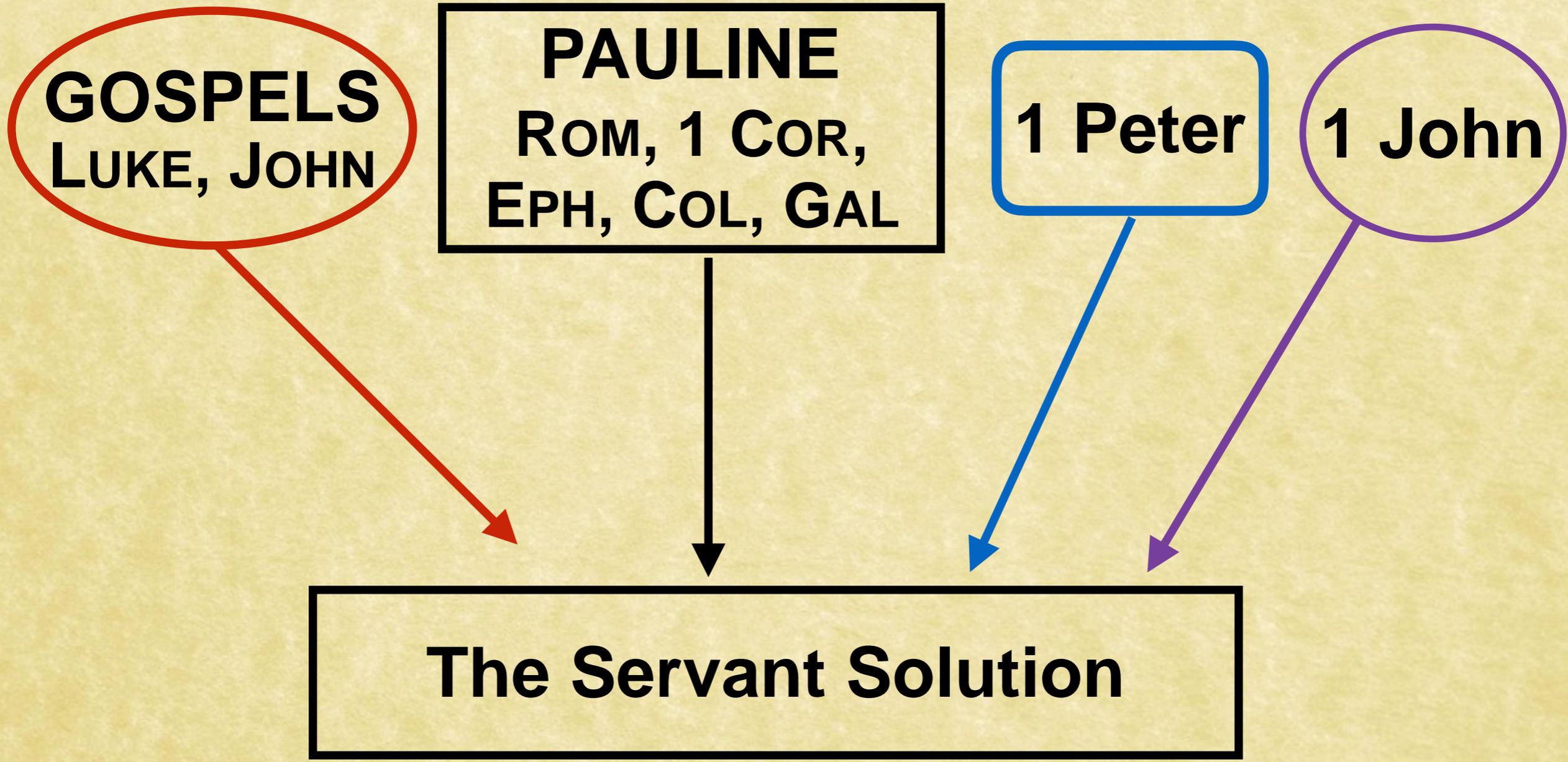
Understanding the Biblical View of Marriage and God's Redemptive Solution

Context, Context, Context

Location, Location, Location

The Various Contexts of Any Passage





Four Basic Axioms for Marriage

- 1. Every marriage is the joining of two sin natures.**
- 2. It takes two people to make a marriage successful, but only one to destroy a marriage.**
- 3. God uses marriage as a tool for sanctification.**
- 4. The purpose of marriage is not to be happy, but to glorify God.**

Four Foundational Spiritual Virtues

Servant Humility Love Submission

1. Our primary purpose in life is to serve the Lord. This entails first serving the Lord, then serving one another.

***The only other option is serving self, i.e., the sin nature.**

Luke 4:8, [quoting Deut. 6:13 in the context of teaching about the family] ...

“ ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

Matt. 20:28, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

2. The pattern for New Testament leadership is Christ's leadership. Jesus states it clearly that leadership on God's team is a servant leadership.

Matt. 23:11, “But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matt. 23:12, “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

3. Not every servant is perfect. God called David a man after His own heart, and “His servant,” yet David committed egregious sins. The key is that David was humble and was willing to humble himself under the hand of God, even when He sinned. Luke 1:69

Gal. 5:13, “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Motivation for Service:

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

The only other option:

Titus 3:3, “For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.”

Humility

Phil. 2:8, “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Humility

1 Pet. 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’”

1 Pet. 5:6, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,”

Love

Definition of love: seeking the best for the object of love

Best is not comparative, but superlative, and demands an objective, not a subjective, standard, i.e., it is not your opinion, but based on a divine absolute.

Not what is best for you, but best in terms of glorifying God, and growing to spiritual maturity.

1. To truly love our thinking must have been shaped by God's Word. Only by this can we have the kind of integrity necessary to love.

2. Jesus said:

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

In Col. 3 the context:

Col. 3:13, “bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”

Love involves respect and honor

1 Pet. 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”

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1 Pet. 2:18, “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.”

1 Pet. 3:1, “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,”

1 Pet. 3:5, “For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,”

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Eph. 5:19, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,”

Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

1. We are grateful for what God has given us, grateful for our wives and our husbands.

Eph. 5:20, “giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

2. It results in

Eph. 5:21, “submitting to one another in the fear of God”

3. Wives submitting to their husbands

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Eph. 5:24, “Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”

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

4. It results in husbands loving their wives as Christ loved the Church [serving the Church, humbling himself before God's will, loving unworthy sinners, forgiving unworthy sinners, submitting to God]

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Eph. 5:26, “that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,”

1 Pet. 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

1 Pet. 3:9, “not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”