

Of Great Worth in God's Sight
1 Peter 3:1-7

"Peter reminds married couples in 1 Peter 3:7 that they are joint heirs of the grace of life. There is hope for your relationships; there are resources for the struggle, because you have inherited big, expansive, powerful, rescuing, and transforming grace. This grace is so huge and powerful that there is no way to wrap human words around it. This grace motivates and empowers the hard work that every relationship requires. In times of trouble, you move toward the other person, knowing the inheritance that you have been given for such a time as this. Day after day, knowing the grace you have been given, you rid your relationships of the weeds of selfishness and sin so that flowers of peace and love may grow. And in the end, you don't celebrate how good you are at relationships. No, you celebrate the Giver of that grace. This grace daily rescues you from your bondage to you and gives you the resources to be a person who truly loves others." Paul Tripp

- I. Loving one another deeply (1:22) resonates from the heart of a man who understood what it meant to receive Christ's love when he didn't deserve it. Peter's heart is for believers to know what it means to love Christ by obeying his commands. Therefore, he doesn't throw in his letter a brief tome on marriage just for the sake of addressing it because he feels he has to. Instead, he writes on marriage because he wants his brothers and sisters in Christ to understand that it is God's highest calling to live marriage well for the short time a couple has together as aliens and strangers in this world (1:17).

1 Peter 3:1

1 Peter 2:13-17

1 Peter 2:18-25

Eph. 5:1 *Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Galatians 3:27-28 *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

- II. The word "**likewise**" in the immediate context of the command for wives to submit to their husband leadership in the home means that the wife is to follow in the footsteps of Christ by imitating His character before her husband. Peter defines it as "*the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight*" (vs. 4). To do so is the right thing to do because it shows respect and appreciation for the husband God gave her.

1 Peter 3:2-6
Eph. 5:33

πραΰς *praÿs* mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit, meekness
Meekness toward God is that disposition of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting...It stems from trust in God's goodness and control over the situation. (Strong's)

Ephesians 5:22-24 *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

- III. The word "**likewise**" in the immediate context of the command for husbands to be considerate and respectful toward their wives means that the husband is to submit to Christ's authority over his marriage by treating his wife with the same kind of sacrificial love Christ expressed when he died for us. In other words, they are to be grace expressers and not law givers, and they do that by being kind, considerate and respectful toward God's grace gift to them.

1 Peter 3:7

Eph. 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*