

GOD'S COMMANDS FOR THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP
THE BEAUTIFULLY REDEEMED MARRIAGE
COLOSSIANS 3:18-19

I. WIVES SUBMIT TO YOUR HUSBANDS (18)

A. WHY Are Wives to Submit?

1. **It is God's sovereign command (18a)**

2. **It is the proper thing to do now that you are a new creation (18b)**

3. **Other biblical reasons**
 - a) **Marriage is a picture of Christ and His Church (Eph. 5:22-24)**

 - b) **Submission is a beautiful thing (1Peter 3:1-6)**

 - c) **Disobeying causes God's Word to be blasphemed (Titus 2:5)**

B. HOW CAN WE DO THIS? (Col. 3)

II. HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES AND GUARD YOUR HEARTS (19, Eph. 5, 1Pet. 3:7)

A. Continually love your wives (active) (19a, Eph. 5)

B. Do not let bitterness creep in (passive) (19b, Eph. 5, 1Peter 3:7)

C. HOW CAN WE DO THIS? (Col. 3)

III. WHAT ABOUT THOSE OF US WHO ARE SINGLE? (1 Cor. 7)