

## REVIEW

### Relationship of 5:21 to 5:22–6:9

Mutual submission (Ephesians 5:21) is bi-directional:

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| 1A. Wives respect husband as head    | 1B. Husbands sacrificially loves wife            |
| 2A. Children honor & obey parents    | 2B. Parents train; not exasperate children       |
| 3A. Slaves serve from heart as to JC | 3B. Masters forsake threat; consider <i>bema</i> |

5:22–24 Wives are to be in submission to their husbands as [part of] submitting to the Lord because the husband is her head as [a feature of] Christ being the church's head & the body's Savior; so a correspondence exists between the church's submission to Christ and wives submission to their husbands in all things; 5:25–28 Husbands are to love their wives in the same manner as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her to sanctify and cleanse her [now] with a water-type-of-washing that He might present to Himself a glorious church—a holy and unblemished bride; so each husband (as head of his wife under Christ's headship) ought to love his own wife as he loves himself—indeed, loving one's wife is a way of loving oneself; thus husbands are to submit [to their wives] by loving them sacrificially, because no one ever hated his own flesh, but each nourishes & cherishes his flesh in the same way as Christ [nourishes and cherishes His body] the church, because we are members of His body, e.g., His flesh and bones; thus a husband is to leave his parents and cleave to his wife and become one flesh with his wife; now, the mystery of a husband and wife becoming one flesh is great, but Paul [also] speaks [of an even greater mystery] Christ's union with the church, but each husband is to love his own wife to the degree as [he loves] himself & each wife is to respect her husband

6:1–4 Children are to obey their parents because it is right, as proven by the Law saying, "Honor your father and mother," the foremost-in-promise commandment that they may live long on earth; parents are not to provoke their children to wrath [via unreasonable demands], but are to bring them up in training and admonition that comes from the Lord [through His word]

## NEW EXPOSITION

**6:5 Bondservants are to obey their human masters reverently as [part of obeying Christ]**

**6:6–7 [Rather than serving their human masters] merely with men-pleasing eye-service, bondservants ought to serve [their human masters] as part of their bondservice for Christ who diligently do the Lord's will with goodwill for the Lord, not just for men**

**6:8 [Bondservants ought to serve their human masters as part of their bondservice for Christ] because the Lord will reward whatever good anyone (whether slave or free) does**

**6:9 Masters ought also to deal graciously with their bondservants as part of their bondservice for Christ] by (in part) giving up the threat, because they know that their own heavenly master is impartial**

**6:10 [As the concluding summary of the body of the letter] believers ought to be strong in the Lord**

The meaning of finally

Compare Philippians 3:1 and 4:8

What liberals have tended to say about *finally* in Philippians

What conservatives have tended to say about *finally* in Philippians

What should be said about *finally* in Philippians

What should be said about *finally* in Ephesians

The significance of mentioning *power* and *might* here

Ephesians 1:19–21

Ephesians 3:15

Ephesians 3:20

**6:11 [A specific of becoming strong in the Lord] believers ought to put on God's panoply in order to stand against Satan's attacks**

Why do I prefer *panoply* (*panoplia* = *pan* + *hoplon*) here and in 6:13, not *armor*?

John 18:3

2 Corinthians 10:4

The context of Ephesians 6:11–17

The significance of *brethren* in Ephesians (not in the critical text, NASB, etc.)

**6:12 The reason for putting on God's panoply is because our battle is not against people, but against powerful demonic rulers**

The devil and the demons  
Ephesians 1:21

Ephesians 2:2

Ephesians 3:10

Ephesians 4:26–27

**6:13 [In light of our battle being against powerful demonic rulers] believers ought to put on God's panoply in order that they may withstand (demonic forces) in an evil day and, stand because they are prepared (for battle)**

Withstand

The evil day (Ephesians 5:16)

**6:14–15 [In light of God's panoply preparing believers for battle] they are to stand because they are already girded with truth and righteousness and because the gospel which makes peace has prepared them**

Truth (Ephesians 1:13)

Truth (Ephesians 4:15)

Truth (Ephesians 4:25)

Righteousness (Ephesians 5:9)

Truth (Ephesians 5:9)

Gospel (Ephesians 1:13)

Gospel (Ephesians 3:6)

**6:16 [Their most important preparation for standing] they are to believe [God's word] which equips them to resist Satan**

Faith (Ephesians 1:13)

Faith (Ephesians 1:15)

Faith (Ephesians 2:8)

Faith (Ephesians 3:17)

**6:17 Believers are also to take hold of their (by grace) salvation and take hold of God's word**

Salvation (Ephesians 1:13)

Made alive together and raised together (Ephesians 2:5–6)

Salvation (Ephesians 1:13; 2:5, 8)

**CONCLUSION**