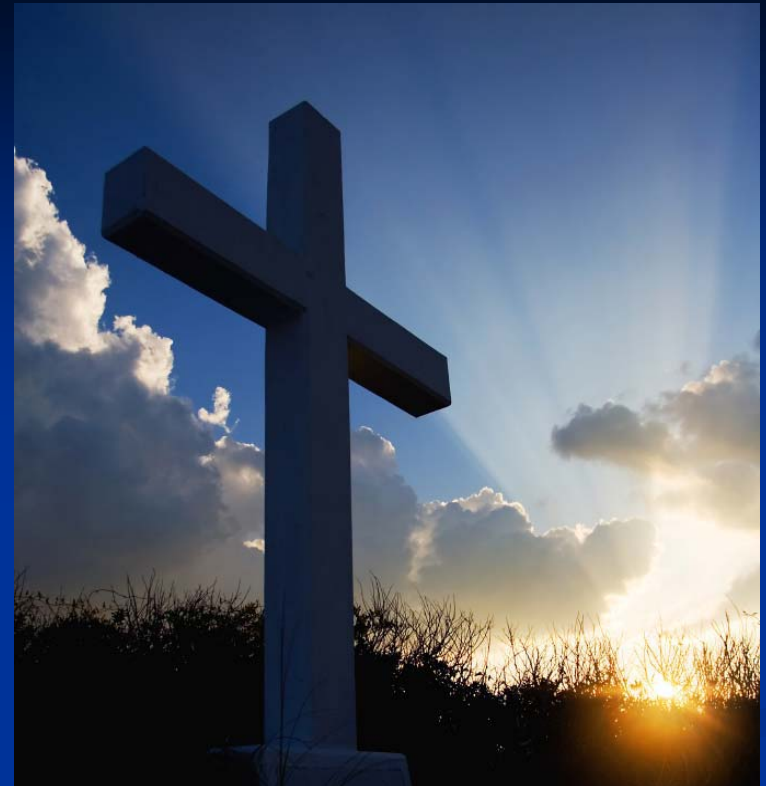


*Colossians:
Knowing Christ in
All His Fullness*



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Colossians 3:18 – 4:1

¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

²²Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

Colossians 3:18 – 4:1

²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,
²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. ^{4:1}Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Heavenly Living in Earthly Places ...
Setting the Context

- The First Century
- Our Present Need
- The Letter to the Colossians

Heavenly Living in Earthly Places ...

I. Christ's Lordship in Our Serving (3:22 – 4:1)

- **Conscientious and wholehearted (22-23)**
- **God-honoring and God-directed (22b-25)**
- **Committed to justice and equity (4:1)**

Heavenly Living in Earthly Places ...

II. Christ's Lordship in Our Families (20-21)

- Children (20)
- Fathers (21)

Heavenly Living in Earthly Places ...
**III. Christ's Lordship in Our
Marriages (18-19)**

- A relationship that fully *honors* the other person
 - *“submit...as it is fitting”*
 - *“love...and do not be harsh”*
- A relationship that both *respects* and *challenges* cultural norms

Heavenly Living in Earthly Places ...

III. Christ's Lordship in Our Marriages (18-19)

- A relationship that *reflects* the Lordship of Christ

See the summary statement of Paul's final draft in Ephesians 5:32

"This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church."



