

The Outworking of Salvation in Relational Institutions - Col. 3:18-4:1

**1. The effect of the Fall upon marriages - Genesis 3:16**

- a. Observation: God cursed the man and woman in their areas of fulfillment.
- b. What was the effect of the fall upon marriages?

**2. The outworking of Salvation in marriages – Col. 3:18-19**

**a. Wives:**

- i. Submit to your husbands
  1. Does submitting place her in an inferior position in the marriage?
  2. How do we know that submission does not cause inferiority?
- ii. as is fitting in the Lord

**b. Husbands:**

- i. love your wives
  1. In what ways in loving one's wife similar to submission?
  2. How is love a choice?
- ii. and do not be embittered against them
  1. How does this command correlate to the effect of the fall in Genesis 3?
  2. Here Paul is making the statement that forcing your spouse to submit is out of line for the Christian husband.

**3. The effect of the Fall upon parenting**

- a. Can you imagine a parenting that is just playing, teaching, loving on, caring for, only obedience?
- b. Can you imagine a world without our own shortcomings as parents?
- c. Instead, we have stories like: 1 Samuel 2:22-25, 1 Samuel 2:29, Genesis 37:3-4, 2 Samuel 13:21-22, Others?

**4. The outworking of Salvation in parenting**

**a. Children:**

- i. obey your parents
  1. In what areas?
  2. Read Hebrews 12:5-11, What are 4 possible responses to discipline?

- ii. for this pleases the Lord
  - 1. The greatest motivation to obey my parents because of a desire to please God.
  - 2. What are some ways that we can nurture that desire?

**b. Fathers:**

- i. Why do you think that Fathers are mentioned specifically here and not parents?
- ii. Do not embitter your children
  - 1. How can firm discipline be administered in the wrong spirit?
  - 2. (otherwise) they will become discouraged.

**5. The effect of the fall upon working relationships.**

- a. Genesis 3:17-19, Lev. 25:39-43, Nehemiah 5:6-11
- b. What about in terms of workers ethic?

**6. The outworking of salvation upon working relationships.**

**a. Slaves:**

- i. Obeying earthly masters in everything – Col. 3:22
  - 1. He doesn't tell them to get out of slavery. Does this surprise anyone?
  - 2. They are to conduct their work with the utmost integrity
- ii. Have a work ethic – Col. 3:23
  - 1. Describe a time when you saw someone doing a job with all their heart.
  - 2. As if you are working for God himself.
- iii. Hoping not for the earthly reward of freedom, but for a heavenly inheritance from God – Col. 3:24
- iv. Vs.25 Why does Paul challenge slaves with this statement?

**b. Masters:**

- i. Provide your slaves with what is right and fair. What sorts of things do you think would be included in this command?
- ii. Because you know that you have a master in heaven.
- iii. What does this principle mean for employers?