

## *Above All*

*"For my thoughts are not  
your thoughts, neither are  
your ways my ways,"  
declares the LORD.*

*"As the heavens are  
higher than the earth, so  
are my ways higher than  
your ways and my  
thoughts than your  
thoughts..."*

*Isaiah 55:8,9*



# *Locating how we learn together*

- *Praying in the Spirit*
- *How the Bible came to us*
- *How it would have been understood at the time*
- *Hermeneutics (Observation, Interpretation, Correlation, Application)*
- *Apologetics (How we believe God to be trustworthy?)*
- *Homiletics (Sharing God's Word)*

## Weather

New Snow  
Overnight



cm

Total Snow  
Depth



cm

New Snow  
Past 24 hrs



cm

Total Annual  
Snowfall



cm

## Alpine Responsibility Code

**Know the Code - Be Safety Conscious - It is Your Responsibility**

1. Always stay in control. You must be able to stop, or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3. Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4. Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5. If you are involved in or witness a collision or accident, you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.
6. Always use proper devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
7. Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings.
8. Keep off closed trails and closed areas.
9. You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through the use of alcohol or drugs.
10. You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant.

**Passes/tickets will be revoked for breaching Ski Area Boundary.**

*How would the  
verses before us  
this am understood  
at the time?*

*Background:  
Roman/Greek  
Household Code of  
Behaviour*

|  | Roman Household Code                          | New Life in Christ                  | Reference |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|
|  | Husband rules the wife, no obligation to love | Love as Christ loved the Church     | 5:25-30   |
|  | Wives obey husband                            | Submit as to the Lord               | 5:22-24   |
|  | Slaves serve                                  | Serve wholeheartedly as to the Lord | 6:5-8     |
|  | Masters                                       | Treat them in the same way          | 6:9       |
|  | Children obey                                 | In the Lord                         | 6:1-3     |
|  | Fathers: Pater Familias/Patria Potentas       | Bring them up in the Lord           | 6:4       |

# Above all

- Eph 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love
- Eph 1:15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,
- Eph 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
- Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,
- Eph 3:18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,
- Eph 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
- Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
- Eph 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things

# ***You are now the People of God***

- Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
(Chapter 5:1)***
- You once were darkness now light***

| Ch:Vs    | Former Life Ephesus                      | New Life in Christ               |
|----------|--|----------------------------------|
| 2:3; 4:1 | Gratifying cravings of evil desire       | Live worthy of your calling      |
| 4:26...  | Bitterness, rage, anger, stealing        | Do not give the devil s foothold |
| 4:29...  | Unwholesome talk                         | Speak what builds up             |
| 5:3...   | Sexual immorality                        | Not even a hint..                |
| 5:5...   | Greed, impurity, immorality, deception.. | Live as lights, fruits of Spirit |
| 5:18..   | Foolishness, drunkenness..               | Be filled with the Spirit        |

# *You are now the People of God*

- 18 ..but **be filled** with the Spirit,
- 19 **speaking** to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing and making** melody with your hearts to the Lord;
- 20 always **giving thanks** for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father;
- 21 and **subject yourselves** to one another in the fear of Christ

| Verse | Verbs of our responsibility         | Declension                        | Greek                               |
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| 19    | ...making melody with your hearts.. | present active participle         | ψάλλοντες<br>(psallontes)           |
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| 22    | ...the wives (....) to your own husbands; some greek versions/ translators add in the word "be subject" |                                   |                                     |

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1. Addressed to wives
2. .. In the context of mutual submission
3. Emphasis on own, and their
4. As to the Lord

## *A few words on words*

***Love:***    **Αγάπη (*Agápē*)**    **Divine love**

**Φιλία (*Philía*)**    **Brotherly**

**Στοργή (*Storgē*)**    **Familial**

**Ερως (*Érōs*)**    **Passionate**

***Submission:***    *to place or arrange under*

***Head:***    ***Kephale*** (κεφαλή)

# *Scripture use of the word "head"*

*Paul did use Kephale (Eph 5)*

*He did not use possible alternate Greek words that would have specified authority structures*

*-ruler, governor, chief official, magistrate*

*-lord, master, owner*

*-absolute ruler (despot)*

*-leader, commander*

*-military commander, governor*

# Definition of "head" today

Physical: Top part of body, center of the mind

Prominent or preeminent part:

*that part of anything that forms or is regarded as forming the top, summit, or upper end (headline, header)*

*the position or place of leadership, greatest authority, or honor*

*(synonyms: chairperson, president, superintendent, principal, boss, superior, commander)*

Metaphorical: *locating entities within relationships (needs context to interpret the particulars); head of a procession, head engineer, header, head waters*

# Scripture use of the word "head"

## *Kephale (κεφαλή)*

Physical: Ex. - The son of Man has no place to lay His head (Matt 8:20);

Prominent or preeminent part: Ex. - The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner (kephale) stone (Matt 21:42);

Metaphorical: locating entities within relationships (needs context to interpret the particulars; not necessarily implying commanding authority);

# *A word or two on structure of relationships*

## *Entity*

*GOD (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)*

*Image bearers (heaven), or fallen powers*

*HUMANS (Image bearers)*

*People of God*

*Rejecters of God*

## *Features of Organizations*

### *Types*

*Sovereignty*

*Dictator, Oligarchy, Democracy, Military*

*Hierarchy*

*Peer to peer*

### *Dimensions*

*Description, Authority, Scope, Role & Responsibility, Duration...*



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## 5. Head

- Reminder: Christ is head of both of you in His body
- Husband is to be the head of the wife  
Not the Roman Code as ruler legal owner of wife as property  
But a model of Christ as head of the Church, as a Saviour of the Church  
In everything (in context), as Christ loved, nourished, cherished, and now to the husbands directly!

# *Above all is love*

- *25-27 Husbands, love (agape) your wives, just as **Christ** also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.*
1. *Our responsibility under the Lord*
  2. *Give ourselves up in love for her*
  3. *Our role and work for Christ is to set her apart, leading in God's Word*
  4. *Objective is holiness and readiness for presentation to the Lord*
  5. *Foundational for the Church and to the world*

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## 7. As Christ for His Church

Loving

Nourishing

Cherishing

Leaving

## 8. As for you as one flesh

Love her the same as yourself, respect him,  
both as in Christ

# *Correlation Interpretation Lenses to Consider*

- *OT: Creation (helpmate, one flesh)*
- *OT: Covenant union (permanent, faithfulness, devotion, metaphor of God and His people..)*
- *NT: Jesus, marriage teaching, and how He worked with women & men*
- *NT: interpretation of when "brothers, man, men, sons, everyone..." are inclusive or particular*

## *Interpretation & Correlation Lenses to Include*

- *NT (Paul & Peter): Observe the difference between the general (all in Christ) to the specific in the immediate context (men/women; husbands/wives)*
  - *One another verses (Love one another)*
  - *Fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace..)*
  - *Spiritual gifts to every body member (1 Cor 12)*
  - *All are one in Christ (Gal 3:26-29)*
  - *Other relevant scriptures on male/female church guidance*

Yahweh

Father      Son      Holy Spirit      Creator  
Jesus  
Messiah

Time & Space



Church  
of Christ

CHRISTIANS  
M/F/C

H

W

Lens of Marriage Headship: Authority Focus

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Husband

Wife



Lens of Marriage Headship: Accountability Focus



# *Image bearers for Christ*

- *Every Christian*
  - *Love, unity, in the Spirit (fruit, calling, gifts), accountability to God*
- *Man and woman*
  - *Common purpose in Christ*
  - *Different by Creation*
  - *Equality before God*

- *Husbands and wives*
  - *Covenant relationship in Christ, exclusive with behaviour honoring one another & God*
  - *Demonstrators of the unity and bond between Jesus and His people*
  - *Accountable for love, faithfulness, family growth in Christ*
- *H: Accountability for his calling with loving spiritual leadership as head in the family, with provision and protection, and covenant keeping behaviours, both in and outside the home*
- *W: Complementary accountability for her calling, with loving respect and complementary support for husband and family, with covenant keeping behaviours both in and outside the home*
- *Living in a fallen world, walking the sanctification journey together*