



How to Respond to Grace

God's plan for Grace and Justice in Society

Family

Ephesians 5:21 ...be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

²² Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

²⁶ that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

²⁸ So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

²⁹ for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

³⁰ because we are members of His body.

³¹ For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.

³² This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

³³ Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife see *to it* that she respect her husband.

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

³ that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

⁴ And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Church

1 Corinthians 5:9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;

¹⁰ I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler-- not even to eat with such a one.

¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within *the church*?

¹³ But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

6:1 Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

² Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent *to constitute* the smallest law courts?

³ Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

⁴ If then you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

⁵ I say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,

⁶ but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

⁷ Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

⁸ On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that *your* brethren.

State

Romans 12:17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.

Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, **be at peace with all men.**

¹⁹**Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God,**

for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰"But **if your enemy is hungry, feed him**, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink;

for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

13:1 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities.

For there is no authority except from God,

and those which exist are established by God.

² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God;

and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil.

Do you want to have no fear of authority?

Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing;

for it is a minister of God,

an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

⁵ Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection,

not only because of wrath, but also for conscience ' sake.

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God,

devoting themselves to this very thing.

⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*;

custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

¹⁶ *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God.

¹⁷ Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Acts 4:18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

²⁰ for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

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