

1. Last week I completed the exegesis of Col 3:17 and the Doctrine of Thanks. When time expired we were about to begin an analysis of Col 3:18.
2. Before we continue that study you may want to take advantage of God's protocol for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God as we pray.
3. Let's take a look at an expanded translation of Col 3:16 and 17 and then begin an exegesis of Col 3:18.

**Col 3:16 You must again and again decide to let the Word of Christ dwell richly and abundantly in your soul by means of the application of the doctrine in the sphere of your soul, teaching and encouraging one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing praise to God's grace as you exhale your love of God in song.**

**Col 3:17 and whatever else you choose to do, whether in spoken word or in the application of the Word of God, you must do it while giving thanks to God the Father in the name of God the Son.**

4. Now for another exhortation. This time the ethical imperative is for the wife. It will be followed by an ethical imperative for the husband.

KJV-New Sentence

Col 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

NIV

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WIVES, SUBMIT YOURSELVES Ο γυνη υποτασσω

1. **Ho Gune Hupotasso** is better translated "Wives you must submit yourselves ..."
2. **Gune** is a monadic noun declined as a nominative plural followed by the verb **Hupotasso** parsed as 2nd person plural, present middle imperative.
3. **Gune** is used of "a woman, married or unmarried" or "a wife," e.g., Mat 1:20 and 1Co 7:3-4. In the RV of 1Ti 3:11 we find **Gune** translated women; a reference to the wives of deacons as clearly seen in verses 11 and 12 compared with verse 10.

Mat 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy "**wife**:" for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

1Co 7:3 Let the husband render unto the "**wife**" due benevolence: and likewise also the "**wife**" unto the husband.

1Co 7:4 The "**wife**" hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the "**wife**."

1Ti 3:10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

1Ti 3:11 Even so must their "**wives**" be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

1Ti 3:12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one "**wife**," ruling their children and their own houses well.

4. **Hupotasso** was often used in secular writings of submission to military authority. It is used more than forty times in the New Testament and variously translated.

4.1 For example we find it translated "subject to, subjection to, being made, has put, to be obedient, subdue" and "submitting." Let me give several Scriptures where **Hupotasso** appears.

Luk 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Luk 2:50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

Luk 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and "**was subject**" unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Luk 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not "**subject to**" the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Tit 3:1 Put them in mind to "**be subject to**" principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 1:22 And "**has put**" all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Heb 2:7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor

Heb 2:8 and "**put**" everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.

Tit 2:3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.

Tit 2:4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children,  
Tit 2:5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and "**to be subject**" to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Phi 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Phi 3:21 who, by the power that enables him "**to subdue**" all things unto himself, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Eph 5:22 Wives, "**submit**" to your husbands as to the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Eph 5:24 Now as the church "**submits**" to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

UNTO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, ο ανηρ

1. **Ho Aner** is better translated "to your noble and honorable right man ..." or "to your husbands ..."

2. **Aner** is a monadic noun declined as dative plural.

3. **Aner** is a derivative of **Anthropos**. It more often than not emphasizes the noble nature of the man. A few examples will illustrate.

Mat 1:19 Then Joseph her "**husband**," being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately.

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a "**man**" after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will.

Acts 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a "**man**" of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

Gal 4:27 For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a "**husband**."

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own "**husbands**," as unto the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the "**husband**" is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own "**husbands**" in every thing.

Eph 5:25 "**Husbands**," love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

AS IT IS FIT    ὡς    ἀνήκεω

1. **Hos Anekeo** is literally "just as it has been proper and fit in the past with the result it is now the thing to do ..."

2. **Hos** is an adverb followed by the verb **Anekeo** parsed as 3rd person singular, perfect active indicative.

3. **Anekeo** is also written **Aneko**. It is translated "are *not* consistent" and "which is convenient." The verb therefore means "to be consistent, to be convenient, to be fit," or "to be proper in the sense of consistent and correct conduct." To put it simply, both **Aneko and Anekeo** mean to know and execute the protocol of God.

4. **Anekeo** can be found two other places in the New Testament.

Eph 5:4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, "**which are out of place**," but rather thanksgiving.

Phm 6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Phm 7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

Phm 8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that "**which is convenient**," -- the NIV translates **Anekeo "to do that which you ought to do."**

5. Wives are to follow the protocol plan of God rather than that which is taught in the world. Submission begins in the mind and becomes a daily task. Submitting can only be done when you are "in the Lord." Let's see what it means to be "in the Lord."

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