

*Welcome*  
**YOU BELONG  
HERE**

**SUNDAY**  
**November 19, 2023**

Building Relationships That Lead to  
Gospel Transformation

**10:45 AM SERVICE**

I Thank God  
As For Me  
Nothing But The Blood  
Yes I Will

Message by  
Pastor Chris Watson  
Colossians 3:18-25  
"The Christian Home."

NURSERY 11/12

Bed Babies: Traci Edwards / NEED VOLUNTEER  
Toddlers: Lisa Watson & John Hatchett  
Childrens Church: Meghan & Wade Smith

WED. NIGHT MENU 11225  
No Meal, Activities or Service

STEWARDSHIP GOALS

2023 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$245,376.40
2023 Offering Received (YTD)	\$233,773.44
Offerings +over/-short YTD	-\$11,602.96

# The Christian Home

Colossians 3:18-25

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*18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.*

**Colossians 3:18-25**

Our focus this morning is the Christian Family and specifically the four commands/instructions that Paul gives to each person in the family.

This message was to believers, Christ followers of Jesus.

"The strength of a nation is derived from the integrity of its homes." [1]

As the family goes, so goes the nation.

These instructions are given to Wives, Husbands, Children and Fathers!

## **Wives Submit to your husbands.**

Comes from a military word and simply means "to arrange under rank."

*Let all things be done decently and in order.* **1 Corinthians 14:40**

Women are called to submit because the man has been given the responsibility and headship/leadership in the Christian home.

## **Husbands Love your wives and do not be bitter towards them.**

Agape love.

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might [g]sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, [h]of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

**Ephesians 5:18-33**

"A root of bitterness in a home can poison the marriage relationship and give Satan a foothold." [2]

## **Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.**

John H. Starkey was a violent British criminal. He murdered his own wife, then was convicted for the crime and executed. The officials asked General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, to conduct Starkey's funeral. Booth faced as ugly and mean a crowd as he had ever seen in his life, but his first words stopped them and held them: "John H. Starkey never had a praying mother!" [3]

## **Fathers do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.**

Find and look for ways to speak truth, grace and love into your kid's life.

### **Prayer Focus:**

**All of us this morning falls into one or more of these categories, how did the Lord speak to you and how do you need to respond?**

[1] Warren Wiersbe

[2] Ibid.

[3] Ibid.