

EPHESIANS 5:18-24 "THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

CCSM Tradition is to celebrate **Holy Spirit infused lives** each year in the interlude between Mother's Day and Father's Day:

- **May 18-21st** – the Power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5.18-21)
- **May 22-24th** – the Power of a Godly Wife (Ephesians 5.22)
- **May 25-28th** – The Power of a Godly Husband (Ephesians 5.25)

Ephesians 5:18-24 (NKJV)

18 And do not be drunk with wine,

in which is dissipation;

but be filled with the Holy Spirit,

18 (NLT) Don't be drunk with wine,

because that will ruin your life.

Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹

(3 things here):

19 (1) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

20 (2) giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 (3) submitting to one another in the fear of God.

22 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. ²

Being "Christ-like" is all about Submission:

- 5:18-21 – All Christians
- 5:22-24 – Wives
- 5:25-33 – Husbands
- 6:1-4 – Children

¹ Tyndale House Publishers, *Holy Bible: New Living Translation* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2013), Eph 5:18–20.

² *The New King James Version*. 1982. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

o 6:5-9 – Workers

"Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can."

Dwight L. Moody

sub•mis•sion \səb-'mi-shən\ *noun*

1 a : a legal agreement to submit to the decision of arbitrators

b : an act of submitting something (as for consideration or inspection);
also : something submitted (as a manuscript)

2 : the condition of being submissive, humble, or compliant

3 : an act of submitting to the authority or control of another ³

- **Submission** – “The freedom to be creative under divinely appointed authority.” – Bill Gothard

All Christians:

- o Submitted to the Holy Spirit

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but be (continuously) filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

- o **“be filled” To be drenched or soaked; to express the watering of ground;**

³ Merriam-Webster, I. (1996, c1993). *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary*. (10th ed.). Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.: Merriam-Webster.

⁴ **John 2:10 - Have well drunk** (μεθυσθῶσι). Wyc., *be filled*. Tynd., *be drunk*. The A. V. and Tynd. are better than the Rev., *when men have drunk freely*. The ruler of the feast means that when the palates of the guests have become less sensitive through indulgence, an inferior quality of wine is offered. In every instance of its use in the New Testament the word means intoxication. The attempt of the advocates of the unfermented-wine theory to deny or weaken this sense by citing *the well-watered garden* (Isa. 58:11; Jer. 31:12) scarcely requires comment. One might answer by quoting Plato, who uses βαπτίζεσθαι, *to be baptized*, for being drunk (“Symposium,” 176). In the Septuagint the verb repeatedly occurs for *watering* (Ps. 65:9, 10), but always with the sense of *drenching* or *soaking*; of being *drunken* or *surfeited* with water. In Jer. 48 (Sept. 31) 26, it is found in the literal sense, *to be drunken*. The metaphorical use of the word has passed into common slang, as when a drunken man is said to be *wetted* or *soaked* (so Plato, above). The figurative use of the word in the Septuagint has a parallel in the use of ποτίζω, *to give to drink*, to express the watering of ground. So Gen. 2:6, a mist *watered* the face of the earth, or gave it drink. Compare Gen. 13:10; Deut. 11:10. A curious use of the word occurs in Homer, where he is describing the stretching of a bull's hide, which, in order to make it more elastic, is soaked (μεθύουσσαν) with fat (“Iliad,” xvii., 390). Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 2 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 82.

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- **"to make a sponge completely wet"** ⁶

- Soaked up to be squeezed out!
 - No one squeezes a sponge in anger – it is serving it's purpose by being squeezed.
- Filled up to be Poured out!
 - No one pours out a vessel in anger – it is serving it's purpose by being poured out.

Philippians 2:17–18

17 Yes, and if **I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad** and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

2 Timothy 4:6–7

6 **For I am already being poured out as a drink offering,** and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

- 4689. **σπένδω spéndō**; fut. speísō. To pour out, to make a libation (Sept.: Gen. 35:14). In the NT, figuratively, in the mid. spéndomai, to pour out oneself, as one's blood, to offer up one's strength and life.
 - **Synonym:** proshérō (4374), to offer; dídomi (1325), to give; paréchō (3930), to furnish, offer up, present; thúō (2380), to sacrifice; katachéō (2708), to pour.

⁵ Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 2 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 82.

⁶ Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains* (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 597.

- **Antonym:** katéchō (2722), hold fast, retain; kratéō (2902), keep, hold fast; pheídomai (5339), to spare. ⁷

Being submitted to one another:

- A mutual interest in serving one another in grace.
- A mutual interest in serving one another in mercy.
- Walking hand in hand – no one “Lording” over another.
- **Handing myself over to the Lord to be squeezed and poured out**
 - **It’s my function!**

• Submission is a concept for all Christians:

Philippians 2:3-4 (NKJV)

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit,

but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

I) Submission does not mean that the wife becomes a slave, it does not mean inferiority to the husband

II) God ordained “chains of command”:

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

- Father-Son-Man-Woman-Children
- It teaches a need for order in the home

III) Scripture indicates that it is the responsibility of the wife to make herself submissive

IV) Submission is to be a continual act

- Not performance based!

Romans 5:6-10

6 For **when we were still without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we

⁷ Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 2000).

shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if **when we were enemies** we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

- Football players who decide in the middle of a play to do something else. – A whole family suffers!

V) Submission involves the wife's attitudes as well as actions!

- Jesus was completely submitted to God!

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Psalm 40:8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

VI) Submission is to be extensive – in everything!

- Church's submission to Christ is in everything!

Colossians 3:18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

VII) Wives Primary ministry is to her husband!

Proverbs 31:10-31 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet. She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants. Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her

blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

- **A Wife's Submission:**

- A beautiful thing, precious to the Lord.

- 1 **Peter 3:1-6**

- 1 **Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands**, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

- 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

- 3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—

- 4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with **the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.**

- 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

- 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

- **As unto the Lord (v22)**

- Submission = Humility

- 1 **Peter 5:5-7 (NKJV)**

- 5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. **Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility,** for

- "God resists the proud,

- But gives grace to the humble."

- 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

- 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

- **Pride is the most basic sin of all! The most Satanic!**

- 1 **Isaiah 14:12-14 (NKJV)**

- 12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

**Knowing these things does nothing!
Doing them does everything!**