



The church of Christ  
at

# Grandview Pines

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## **The Meaning of Submission**

**(A Study of Ephesians 5:22)**

John Moore

The word submissive translates the Greek word *hupotasso*, which is a cognate of the preposition *hupo*, meaning "under" and the stem *tasso*, meaning "to arrange." In the first century, this word was used as a military term as well as that which described the behavior of a servant to his master (Fritz Rienecker and Cleon Rogers, *Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament*, p. 538. Others define *hupotasso* to mean subordinate (F. Wilbur Gingrich, *Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*, p. 208), which is proper as well. In any case, submission connotes a relationship of one who leads and another who follows. It "demands readiness to renounce one's own will for the sake of others . . . and to give precedence to others" (Gerhard Kittel, ed., *Theological Dictionary of New Testament Theology*, 8:45. It certainly involves deference (i.e., polite regard for someone else's wishes, ideas, etc.) as used in *Word Biblical Commentary* (J. Ramsey Michaels, *Word Biblical Commentary: 1 & 2 Peter*, p. 167.

This submission emanates from the wife. It is not forced by her husband as a man might beat a beast into compliance, but rather it is an action displayed from a free will. Scripture does not exist that would imply that a husband is allowed to force, slap, beat, kick, or threaten his wife into submission. Just the opposite is true. (Matt. 5-7; Eph. 4:29-32; 5:22-33; 1 Pet. 3:7; et al) In fact, to abuse a wife is sin. A man who believes he can physically force his wife into submission is mistaken, as she will only acquiesce out of fear for her physical well-being.

Submission as illustrated in 1 Peter 3:5-6, where it is said that "Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him Lord." Her respect for her husband was manifested by giving him a customary/cultural title. This pronouncement from Genesis 18:12 displayed her attitude and her willingness to be placed under the direction of her husband. Women today who also adorn themselves ". . . in subjection unto their own husbands" are spiritually Sarah's daughters (1 Pet. 3:5-6). Indeed, this comparison is a great and noble compliment, especially as contrasted with the worldly "icons" for women in the twentieth century. The women of the world are boisterous and ungodly, while Sarah was meek (i.e., strength grown tender) and chaste. Sarah was courageous and willing to submit while the ungodly women of today are weak and rebellious. A submissive wife does not usurp authority (1 Tim. 2:12) nor seek to be the boss, "wear the pants," nor seek to dominate. Conversely, she must support, follow, and respect her husband.

Submission does not, however, mean that she is inferior or less important. It does not mean she should be uneducated or intellectually inept. It does not mean she never has an opinion, suggestion, or strong will. It does not preclude her expressing her thoughts, desires, ideas, and aspirations. It does not eliminate her industry, contributions, and "savvy" in helping the home, church, community, and nation (Prov. 31). Submission does not negate her influence (1 Tim. 2:15) nor shackle her abilities and talents. Within parameters (and men are restricted in some ways as well), she can teach, counsel, pray, guide, and rule (1 Tim. 5). Submission to her husband does not demand that she disobey the laws of God nor tolerate violence and lawlessness. Submission is not slavery.

Finally, in verse 22 of our text we learn that the submitting is to be done "as unto the Lord." Lord here is not a reference to husbands, for it would have to read *kurioi* (plural), but rather to "the" (definite article) Lord (singular), that is Christ. Herein is given the motivation. Her subordination to her husband is to be seen as her subjection to Christ. For Christian wives, this is a way to serve Christ. They must not reject this authority. When the Israelites rejected the prophet Samuel's authority in favor of an earthly king, God told Samuel that "they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them." (1 Sam. 8:7) Similarly, when wives are disobedient to their husbands, they are rejecting God because Christ's reign over wives demands that they be submissive to the God-ordained authority of the husband in the home.

## **So Misunderstood**

Neal Pollard

I passed her in the hall,  
and she frowned as clear as could be,  
I thought, "What utter gall  
that she would so look at me,  
I've always thought her haughty,  
old Sister So N So,  
She's mean and cold and naughty,  
and snooty from head to toe."  
But I didn't know the rest of the story,  
as I looked her up and down,  
I assumed she was full of vainglory  
and that was the cause of her frown,  
But at home was a non-Christian spouse,  
they had bills and much infirmity,  
They were close to losing their house,  
and they suffered so incredibly.  
"He did a poor job on his class,  
his song leading, his presiding over the table,  
It's a surprise what the elders let pass,  
someone so ill-equipped and unable.  
He doesn't even want to serve,  
he just likes all the notice and glory,  
He soaks up the spotlight with such nerve,  
yep, it's that same old sad story!"  
"She's so prejudiced." "He doesn't like me."  
"What is it she has so against me?"  
"They're cliquish, self-righteous, persnickety,  
a standoffish, uncouth family."  
Why do we indulge in such conjecture,  
assuming a bad motivation?  
Guilty 'til proven innocent, in need of a lecture!  
We are bloated with insinuation!  
Let's err on the side of charity,  
assume that they're trying their best,  
Give up conjecture, seek verity,  
and not put them to such an austere test.  
For such harsh and judgmental rating  
says more about us than of them,  
It says we're not loving, we're hating,  
when so quickly we rush to condemn.  
Were we to put the very best construction  
on the words, deeds, and hearts of another,  
We'd avoid the broad path of destruction,  
as we look for the best in our brother!

### **Bulletin Updates, Changes & Removal of Names**

Don't forget to let us know if prayer list or other bulletin information needs to be changed.

Please email Trey Harvell by Friday night. [trey.harvell @ gmail.com](mailto:trey.harvell@gmail.com)

## News, Notes & Nouncements

**Welcome Visitors:** We are thankful to be able to gather to worship our God (John 4:24). Please take time to fill out a card and place it in the collection plate. If you have questions about what you see or hear we would be glad to answer them after the service. We hope all leave edified and uplifted.

**Please Silence** cell phones so our worship services will not be interrupted.

**Barnabas Board** is in the foyer for posting notes of encouragement, thanks, etc.

**Volunteer Sign-up List** for preparation of the Lord's Supper for this year is now available. A few months are still available.

**Items Needed For the Pantry:** Laundry soap, bath soap, hand lotion, baby wipes. Please check expiration dates when buying canned goods. Thanks.

**Monday Night Bible Study:** Tomorrow night at 6:30 we will begin our study with Lary Sadler on the different versions of the Bible.

**Youth Devotional:** June 26th after evening services. Host families will be

Lisa Wright and Jackie Conyers. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

**Deacons:** The congregation is in the process of selecting deacons. Please pray fervently about fulfilling this need.

**Backwoods Christian Camp:** "Challenge to Change" July 10th - 15th If anyone would like to assist any of our kids financially, please see Terry. We hope all our youth will attend. It would be great to have some adults go as workers as well.

**Camp meeting following evening services**

## Prayer List

(in alphabetical order by last name)

**Lee Bowren** - (A. Sadler's mother) in nursing home in Heber Springs, AR

**David Brown** - (Mont. Police officer) - recovering from serious motorcycle accident

**Linda Bush** - Prattville Rehab & Nursing Home, RM 212

**Stuart Burkey** - (Lonnie's son) having tests run, doctors think he may have cancer.

**Kim Claunch**—at home. She will be monitored twice a week concerning the baby's heart rate.

**Amber Conrad** - (T. Harvell's cousin) back at work, recovering from surgery following an auto accident

**Russell Cooper** - (B. Little's brother)

**Joel Couch** - (baby of Josh and Amanda Couch - friends of C. Harvell) suffering from a seizure disorder that's affecting development.

**Jerry Davidson** - (Director of Guyana missions) Parkinson's Disease

**Charles Dobbins** - (friend of the May family) under hospice care.

**Vicki Dobbins** - (friend of the May family) fell off ladder with lower back pain—at home recovering

**Sydney Fuller** - (G. Fuller's bother) has

two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.

**Charlie Gibbs** - (K. Cross's grandfather) health issues

**Addison Hall** - going for follow-up tests in October.

**Myra Hall** - expecting & dealing with gall stones, will be going to the doctor this Wednesday.

**Marilyn Hatcher** - (E. Howard's mother) Had surgery this past week. She will be taking chemo treatments.

**Tim Johnson** - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments

**Katie King** - Assisted Living room 408, Charleston Place, Old Prattville Hwy. Would like visits.

**Angel Koche** is having some complications with her pregnancy.

**Holly Sadler** (Jay's wife) diagnosed with diabetes and liver damage.

**Rayford Lee** - (J. Sadler's father-in-law)

**Buddy Little** - had bypass surgery this past week.

**Walter & Cheryl May** - (R. May's parents) both facing physical ailments

**Rosie Price** - Starting physical therapy after knee surgery.

**Peggy Rice** - (Janice Claunch's mother)

**Alex Stinson** - had wisdom teeth removed this past week.

**June Stringer** - broken arm.

**Tina Tatum** - at home following a stay in the hospital

**Mickey Thomas** - (former member) Room 313 Prattville Rehab

**Amy Turner** - continuing to deal with illness.

**Kevin Turner** - ALS

**Juanita Waggoner** - (M. Stinson's aunt) advanced stage of Parkinson's Disease

**Military personnel & their families**

-Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT)

-Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

-Keith Cleveland (C. Cleveland's grandson, Iraq returning home in June)

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-Joshua Corey-deployed

-Joel Jackson

-Barry Freeman

-Matthew Martin

-Stewart Burkey

-Todd Wheeler-being deployed

... but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. *Philippians 4:6*

## Congregational Information

### Elders:

Terry Claunch.....285-4142  
 Glenn Fuller.....365-4923  
 Lary Sadler.....285-7455

### Preacher:

Terry Claunch

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### Work of Evangelism:

Home Bible Studies  
 Bible Correspondence Studies  
 Biblical Tracts  
 Staton & Tutwiler Prisons  
 Sermon CDs & Cassettes  
 Gospel Broadcasting Network

### Work of Benevolence:

Food Pantry  
 Guyana Missions—Summerdale  
 Congregation  
 1st Sunday singing & devo—Autumn Place  
 2nd Sunday singing—Merry Wood Lodge  
 Clothes for Panama  
 Eye Glasses for Thailand  
 Assistance to those in need

### Work of Edification:

Sunday  
 Bible Class.....9:00 AM  
 Worship.....10:00 AM  
 Worship.....5:00 PM  
 3rd Monday  
 Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
 Wednesday  
 Ladies' Class.....10:30 AM  
 Bible Class.....7:00 PM

### Internet

www.grandviewpineschurch.org  
 contact@grandviewpineschurch.org  
*Look for us on Facebook!*  
 (Grandview Pines church of Christ &  
 Grandview Pines church of Christ Youth)

### Where We Meet

165 Deatsville Hwy,  
 Millbrook, AL, 36054

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Worship Services

	Today: June 26th	Next Week: July 3rd - TBD
<b>AM Service</b>		
Announcements	J. Hammonds	
Song Leader	J. Claunch	
Opening Prayer	L. Sadler	
Scripture Reading	K. Moody Proverbs 12:22-28	
Lord's Supper - Head	T. Young	
Lord's Supper - Serve	G. Young J. Hall N. Girod B. Cooper	
Closing Prayer	J. Ezekiel	
<b>PM Service</b>		
Announcements	J. Hammonds	
Song Leader	J. Claunch	
Opening Prayer	C. Price	
1st Sunday Sermon		
Lord's Supper	T. Young	
Closing Prayer	J. Hammonds	
<b>Sunday Helpers' List</b>		
Foyer Attendant	J. Hammonds	
Greeters	L. Johnston M. Stinson	
Nursery Attendant	B. Little	
Shut-In Communion	K. Moody	
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>		
	This Week: June 29th	Next Week: July 6th - TBD
Song Leader	L. Sadler	
Invitation	T. Young	
Closing Prayer	C. Mayne	

\* If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement, please contact Jim Hammonds.

### Do You Know Your Bible?

#### This Week's Question

By what other descriptive names  
 are elders known?

#### Answer to Last Week's Questions

*Can you name the  
 seven churches of Asia  
 found in Rev. 2-3?*

**Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira,  
 Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea**

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