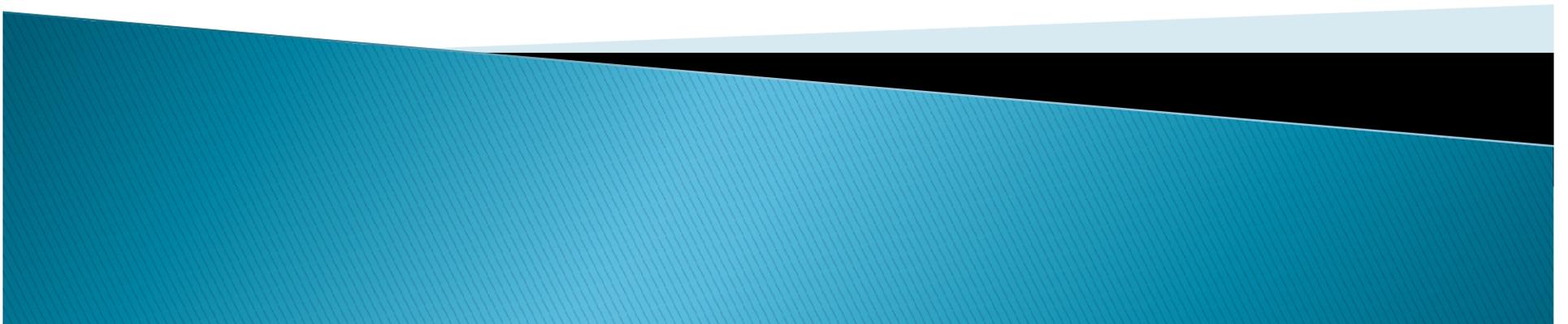


Colossians 3:18-4:1

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V18 – Wives Submit

- ▶ Thayer's Dictionary states, it is "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden"
- ▶ Voluntary
- ▶ Humbleness
- ▶ Respectful
- ▶ Not slavery



V18 – Wives Submit

- ▶ I.e.: Wives humble yourself and respect your husband, take on your responsibility as wife, cooperating with him in the marriage



V19 – Husbands Love

- ▶ Love (Greek: *agape*) is a sacrificial, selfless love
- ▶ This love is a command to love selflessly now and to keep on loving selflessly and not stop loving selflessly
- ▶ Not an emotional or sexual love; it is caring, serving, and supporting



V19 – Husbands Love

- ▶ I.e.: Husbands sacrificially love your wife, not based on what she has done for you, but care for, serve, and support her even if she never does anything for you.



V20 – Children Obey

- ▶ Exodus 20:12 – Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.



V21 – Fathers Encourage

- ▶ Proverbs 1:8
 - Hear, my son, your father's instruction
And do not forsake your mother's
teaching
- ▶ Exasperate – Embitter, needle, nag,
disparage
- ▶ Children had value and were not to be
treated as anything less than a valued
human being



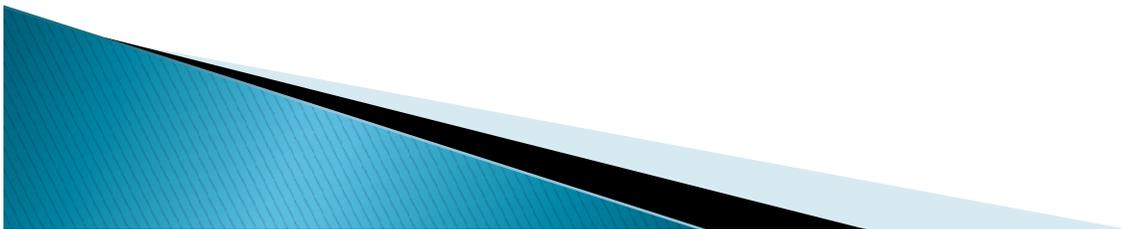
V22-25 - Slaves Obey

- ▶ Since they are now free in Christ, how is a slave to act in the world?
- ▶ Slaves are told to obey their earthly master but to fear (respect, reverence) their heavenly one
- ▶ Work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men
- ▶ The inheritance for slaves



V4:1 – Masters Provide

- ▶ They are expected to treat the slave fairly
- ▶ Masters have a Master in heaven



Living a New Life at Home

- ▶ These commands for each role are actually what is necessary to be done in the familial environment for each person to rightly submit to the Lord