

February 23, 2020

## Submission to Others

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff,  
Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*

*We offer Bible classes for all ages*

*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

While submissiveness should be *foremost* directed toward God, it should also be applied to *others* in appropriate situations. For instance, **Hebrews 13:17** commands, ***Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with grief: for this were unprofitable for you.***

While this verse commands submission to Christians (local church elders in particular), Scripture shows a number of situations in which Christians have a responsibility to submit even to *non-Christians*.

In **1 Peter 3:1**, the Holy Spirit commands wives to be “***in subjection***” to their own husbands. He does not say “only if your husband is a Christian.” In fact, He specifically mentions cases in which the husband is *not* a faithful part of the Lord’s church. Notice the phrase, “***that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of their wives;***”

## Submission to Others

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The “qualifier” placed around submission to others is “only submit if we are asked to do something that is in accordance with God’s will.” This is important, but what makes something according to God’s will in *some* situations is the very fact that it is asked by others.

For example, the Holy Spirit commands us to “***be subject unto the higher powers***” (Rom. 13:1). When the higher powers of a nation (or state or locality) demand taxes, God wants us to pay taxes (**verse 7**). It is not that taxes in themselves make one pleasing to God, but His command to be subject to the higher powers involves submitting to government requirements as long as doing so does not violate divine will.

This same principle can be seen when parents ask their child to clean his or her room. While God does not command children to clean their rooms at a particular point in time, He *does* command children to obey their parents (**Eph. 6:1**), and thus, the child is

directed by God to obey.

All of life is about submission to God. But submission to God includes submitting, in some situations, to others. This cannot be taken too far to say that if someone who has authority over us asks us to sin, we should do it. Yet, we must not go too far the other way and assume that because we are Christians, we need never submit to others.

Instead of neglecting submission because of the imperfections of those we are submitting to, we should remember that submitting to others appropriately is required by the perfectly righteous God of heaven.

In **Colossians 3:18**, the Holy Spirit commands wives to submit to their husbands, and then says “***as is fitting in the Lord.***” In **verse 20**, He commands children to obey their parents, and then says “***for this is well-pleasing in the Lord.***”

May we fulfill what God requires of us in submitting to others, and thereby please *Him*.

## Area Gospel Meetings

### Mattoon Southside Church of Christ:

March 9-15 (with Michael Hickox)  
M-Sat: 7:00; Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00

### Walnut Chapel Church of Christ:

March 15-20 (with J F Dancer)  
Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00; M-F: 7:00

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## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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## Words to Consider

***"Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."*** – Hebrews 11:1

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Betty P  
Mabel H  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Allen S (Cancer)  
Raymond & Maxine  
Randy & Kim S  
Ken & Chris F  
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)  
June's Niece, Debbie  
Berlyn & Guyla Y  
Jeanette's Mother, Fontella  
Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)  
Kayleigh W

## Daily Bible Reading

February 23 – Leviticus 25; Mark 1:23-45  
February 24 – Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2  
February 25 – Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-19  
February 26 – Numbers 3-4; Mark 3:20-35  
February 27 – Numbers 5-6; Mark 4:1-20  
February 28 – Numbers 7-8; Mark 4:21-41  
February 29 – Numbers 9-11; Mark 5:1-20

***"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."***  
– John 8:32

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Bible Study: Jim  
Worship: Dave  
Evening: Dan D

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Travis

### **Clean Building**

Jeanette

### **Prepare Communion**

Jeanette

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**March 28: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.**

*Study: Women of the New Testament*

### **Assignments**

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Reading: Steve  
Announcements: Dan D  
Table: Mark  
Serve: Jim  
Mason  
Dan D  
Roger

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Invitation: Michael

### **Anniversaries**

### **Birthdays**

February 23 – Larry  
February 28 – Donna G  
February 28 – Sandy