

- B. Masters do what is right and fair with your slaves.
 - i. Not just what is fair, but what is right. As Christian masters, there is a new sense of what is right.
 - ii. Not only do slaves have a Master that will last forever, so do you!

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LIVE THE STORY

We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.

- How does the command, “Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus” mean that we can no longer say, “The Bible doesn’t really say anything about _____.”
- Why is it important to make sure we place “everything” in the context of “everyone”? How does Paul connect everything to everyone in our text?
- How does Paul get from the Gospel to “Husbands, love your wives”? How does the Gospel define what kind of love a husband is called to have toward his wife?
- How does Paul get from the Gospel to “Wives submit to your husbands”? How does Christ provide a model of this for the wife?
- What is the antidote to bitterness in a relationship?
- How might you need to begin to bring the Gospel into your home? Into your workplace?
- What relationship do you have that might most be in need of adjustment in this way? What specific Gospel adjustment is needed?
- What “sore spots” did this message touch in you? How is the Gospel calling you to bring Christ into that area of life?

Total Redemption: Gospel Transformation in Every Relationship

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Text: Colossians 3:17—4:1

Introduction: Everything with Everyone

A. *Bring the Gospel into all of life!*

The Gospel story refuses to be just information; it calls for transformation.

B. Paul places *everything*, in the context of *everyone*.

C. *“as a representative of Jesus.”*

i. **Moo:** *We should always act “in concert with the nature and character of our Lord.”*

D. Giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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I. Wives and Husbands

- A. How does Paul get from the Gospel, the Story of Jesus, to “wives submit to your husbands”?
 - i. Ephesians 5:22-24, 31-32

Christ submitting to the Father is not a statement of inequality or inferiority.

- ii. ...giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- B. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
 - i. a self-sacrificing, other-oriented kind of love.
 - **Not consuming, but improving!**

- ii. Do not become angry, resentful, or bitter.

The only real antidote to bitterness is a constant state of gratitude for the gift God has given in a wife. Bitterness only grows when we cease to view our wives for the gift from God they are.

- C. This section undoes the curse of Genesis 3!
 - i. Genesis 3:16

II. Children and Parents

- A. Paul speaks to children as if they can be Christians.
 - i. *Christian children are called to bring the Central Character of the Gospel, into how they relate to their parents.*

- ii. *Your primary calling is to be like Christ as a child to your parents, not to get/have/do...*
- B. Fathers do not embitter your children...

- Deal with your children as the Central Character of the Story dealt with you...

- C. *Giving thanks to God the Father...*

III. Slaves and Masters

- A. vs. 23-25 Sore spots for slaves.
 - i. 3:11

- Slaves, carry Christ into your work as a slave!

- ii. *masters according to the flesh.*

- iii. The wrongdoer will be paid back for his wrongs.
 - a) 1 Peter 2:23

- b) Anyone being called to obey or submit are going to be tempted to fear.