

1 Peter 3:1-7 Therefore, Submit Yourselves pt. 3  
7/19/09 - The Exchange

- I. Review - living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers.
  - A. Principles apply and are taught for all believers here and elsewhere.
  - B. Peter is emphasizing the need for believers to submit themselves, even to unbelievers. Let them see Jesus in you. Even in marriage.
  - C. Going to do a summary/survey of marriage.
  - D. Marriage is the basis for all society and culture, everywhere.
- II. Genesis 1-3
  - A. Genesis 1
    - 1. Overview of Creation. 1:24-31 are Day 6.
    - 2. God makes all land animals everywhere on planet. Not exactly as we see them today. Much more variety. But global.
    - 3. Then God makes man and woman, gives them their orders.
  - B. Genesis 2
    - 1. A zoom-in on Day 6, not another version of the creation story.
    - 2. 2:4-6 sets the scene.
    - 3. 2:7-9 God creates man somewhere on earth, makes Garden of Eden, plants trees.
    - 4. 2:15-17 Adam gets his job and restriction on tree. NO EVE YET.
    - 5. 2:18 This only thing “not good” during creation week.
    - 6. 2:19-20 In addition to the animals created before Adam. Why did God do it this way?
      - a) To let Adam witness God’s creative authority.
      - b) To enable Adam’s authority over creation.
      - c) To show Adam, “These are not for you.” Cat/Dog people.
    - 7. 2:21-24
      - a) Effectively cloned Adam and switched on the female chromosome switch.
      - b) Leave and cleave.
      - c) One made into two, shall become one. Unity. Oneness.
  - C. Genesis 3
    - 1. 3:1-15 Survey
    - 2. 3:16 Woman. First indication of roles, hierarchy.
    - 3. 3:17-19 Man
    - 4. 3:20-24 Survey
  - D. Marriage is the first institution/organization God has given to mankind.
    - 1. The foundation for all society and culture.
    - 2. Who was on the ark? Four married couples. Marriage common in all cultures because of this.
    - 3. A strong marriage, a unified marriage is important. Not just a functioning one, a deliberate unified one, as much as depends on you.
- III. Ephesians 5:15 - 6:4 The play is the thing
  - A. Emphasize context in the beginning.

- B. Three verses about wives. This is about women as wives, not women universally. 8 verses about husbands. Better? ;-)
  - C. Riff through to 5:33.
  - D. Emphasize two as one. Unity, oneness. loves his own body. Partnership.
  - E. Purpose and priority is the spiritual dynamic of the family. Don't let life get in the way of your family living for the Lord.
  - F. Also essential building block for church. No time!
  - G. If time, 6:1-4.
- IV. Wrap up
- A. There is nothing more important, or more personal, than one's marriage. Hard to ask for help.
  - B. Without strong marriages, our community, our church is weak. Seek help if you need it.
  - C. Strong marriages means strong families, strong communities, strong churches, strong believers. Play your part.
  - D. GOSPEL
  - E. Living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers.