

I PETER – GRACE, HOPE AND LIVING WHOLE PART III
I PETER 3:1-7
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INTRODUCTION

- Last week we talked about suffering and submission and the grace and power that is released.
- We have a living hope, a purpose in living.
- I Peter 2:13 - “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake...”
- Hupotasso = to arrange under, to put under
- In non-military use, it was “a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility.”
- In PE it was getting on your number.

I. THREE RINGS OF MARRIAGE

- The world runs with order, without it there is chaos.
- I Peter 2:13,14,17,3:1,7 NCV, “...yield to the people who have authority in this world: the king...and the leaders...show respect for all people...slaves, yield to the authority of your masters...wives should yield to your husbands...in the same way, you husbands should live with your wives in an understanding way...show them respect...”

II. PUTTING ORDER INTO DISORDER

- We have more marital problems and divorces than ever before.
- The fact that a man and a woman are both saved is no guarantee that their marriage will succeed.
- Peter states twice in verses 3:1 & 5 that it also takes order in a fallen world.
- There is nothing degrading about submitting to authority or accepting God’s order.

- I Peter 2:9-10, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession...”
- Why submission? Reality from God’s perspective:
 - Things are messed up, sin distorts reality.
 - Redemption holds the possibility of full restoration.
 - You cannot redeem marriage without God’s redemptive plan.
 - This means husband is the head as Christ is head.
 - There is nothing here about bossing, but about blessing.
- Husbands and wives must be partners, not competitors.
- Ephesians 5:21 - “Submit one to another”

III. MEN HERE IS ONE VERSE FOR THE AGES

- I Peter 3:7 NLT, “In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat her with understanding ...She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God’s gift of new life. If you don’t treat her as you should, your prayers will not be heard.”
- Four Key thoughts:
 - First, it says live with her in an understanding way!
 - Second, show her honor = literally value, respect
 - Third, she is a fellow or joint heir of the grace of life (zoe)
 - Fourth, if you don’t your prayer life is dead!

CLOSE

- Vs. 8 - To sum up:
 - Harmonious – together and understanding
 - Sympathetic – literally “feel their pain”
 - Brotherly – love your brothers
 - Kindhearted – good from the heart “deep inside”
 - Humble in spirit – keep low
- Giving a blessing so you can receive one!