

# Be Subject to One Another



**Ephesians 5:21-33**

# “Household Tables” (*Haustafeln*)

- NT passages: Ephesians 5:21-6:9; Colossians 3:18-4:1; 1 Peter 2:13-3:7
- Function in antiquity
- Function and uniqueness in Paul



# Characteristics of “Household Tables”

- **Voluntary**
- **Freedom**
- **Reciprocity**



# Function & Uniqueness in Ephesians

- **Wives—as to the Lord**
- **Husbands—as also Christ**
- **Children—in the Lord**
- **Fathers—of the Lord**
- **Bondservants—as to Christ**
- **Masters—your Master in heaven**
- **Finally, brothers—strong in the Lord**



# **Group Instructions within the body of Christ**

- **Husband-Wife**
- **Parent-Child**
- **Master-servant**



# “Be Subject” in Ephesians

- Ephesians 1:22
- Ephesians 5:21
- Ephesians 5:24



# “Fear/Respect”

- Frames entire section of 5:21-33
- Servants to serve with “fear and trembling” (6:5)

...Not because of the master

...Because of the Lord he is  
accountable to!

