



1. Husbands and Wives pattern themselves on Jesus 2:20-25

- ‘Likewise’ (v1,7) points back to Jesus’ example
- Jesus didn’t live for himself, but for the good of his ‘bride’ the church.
- Jesus didn’t insist on his own way, but was submissive for our good.

2. Wives – Called to powerful, submissive, godly beauty 3:1-6

- Scenario – wife has become Christian, husband hasn’t. How does she live?
 - Live in Godly submission v1-2**
 - Submission is not about status, but role
 - Not to all men – just her husband (v1); not out of fear (v6); not ditching your brain
 - Instead, using your gifts and abilities to assist him in his role as leader, having a disposition to follow his leadership rather than challenging it.
 - ‘won without words’ – avoid the desire to nag them to ‘faith’!
 - The goal – that they not see Christianity as a threat, but would be attracted to it.
 - Cultivate lasting beauty v3-6**
 - Peter not against beauty, but against extravagant displays
 - Spend more time on a beauty that increases with age, not decreases
 - ‘a gentle and quiet spirit’ = Jesus in Matthew 11:29 - Cultivate Christ-likeness
 - Let him see that Christianity makes you a better and more beautiful wife
- Wider application – non-Christian parents, grown-up children, work colleagues. Don’t nag them to Christ! Live lives that make them wonder.

3. Husbands – Called to considerate, honouring, tender leadership 3:7

- Treat her with understanding**
 - “be considerate” literally ‘live according to knowledge’
 - Knowledge of what God requires of husbands. Eph 5:25-33. Sacrificial loving.
 - Knowledge of your wife – what makes her tick, worry. Study your wife!
- Treat her with honour**
 - ‘respect’ = honour (same as the king 2:17)
 - Treat her as precious, because she is a heir of eternal life, and was redeemed with the “precious blood of Christ” 1:19
- Treat her with gentleness**
 - ‘weaker partner’ = physical strength
 - No Christian husband rules by force, fear or threat
 - God will have nothing to do with husbands who use force



Notices

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| Sunday | Evening service as announced | 8pm |
| Tuesday | Bible Study at Stewart's - Chapter 14 | 8pm |
| Nov 6th | Mark is preaching in Trinity
Service here taken by Pastor Paul Wallace. Speak to Mark re hospitality
No evening service in Milford | |
| Nov 4-6th | Donegal Youth Convention @ Bonagee. Speak to William for details | |
| Sat 12th | Film Evening - Robert & Judith's | 7pm |
| Sun 13th | Sermon on 1 Peter 3:8-22 | 10.15am |

Christianity Explored

A 6-week course designed to let you find out the facts about Jesus, and to find answers to your questions the Bible and Christianity.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible
- You won't be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

If you're interested in finding out more, or having one in your home for friends to come to - speak to Mark