

# Next Week Sermon

## Living Out the Gospel at Home and Work - Pt.2

Ephesians 6:1-9

PREACHER

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## Perils Of Materialism

James 5:1-6

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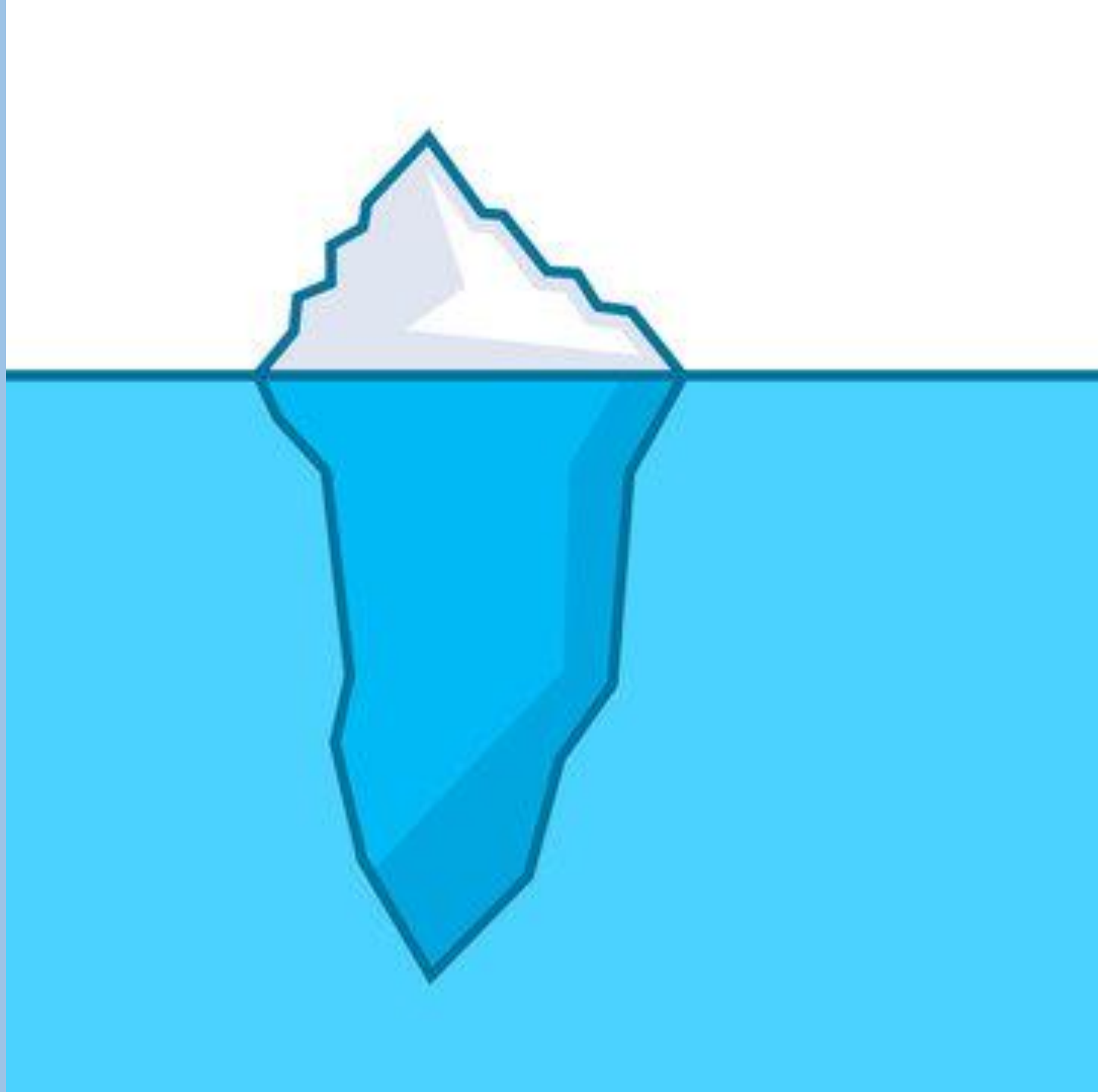
## Tentative Topic

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What is a “Gospel centered” church?

- **Catholics** –one true church built by Peter as ordained by God, unbroken through all ages
- **Orthodox** –faithful to all church practices from the early church fathers, unbroken through all ages
- **Traditional Protestants** – conforming to strict moral code as set by each church as sign of maturity
- **Fundamentalist Reformers** – 5 point Calvinism
- **Charismatics** – speaking in tongues and signs and wonders
- **Seventh Day Adventist** – adherence to Sabbath from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, focus on end times
- **Torah Observers** – adherence to OT festivities, eating only kosher food
- **Closed Brethren** – women veil for worship, Holy Communion must be observed every Sunday
- **Non denominational Church of Christ** – baptism as essential for salvation, no music instruments during worship
- **Local Church Movement** – churches named after provinces as in the NT, denominations are a human creation deviated from biblical teachings
- **True Jesus Church** – speaking in tongues essential for salvation, baptism must be in rivers with running waters



The diagram features a large iceberg floating in a blue ocean under a blue sky. The iceberg is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section, which is the smallest and above the water line, is labeled 'Outcomes'. The middle section, which is larger and below the water line, is labeled 'Structures'. The bottom section, which is the largest and deepest below the water line, is labeled 'Beliefs'. To the left of the iceberg, a vertical arrow points downwards, labeled 'Increasing leverage'. To the right of each section, there is a descriptive text block.

Outcomes

Performance, culture, how an organisation is experienced

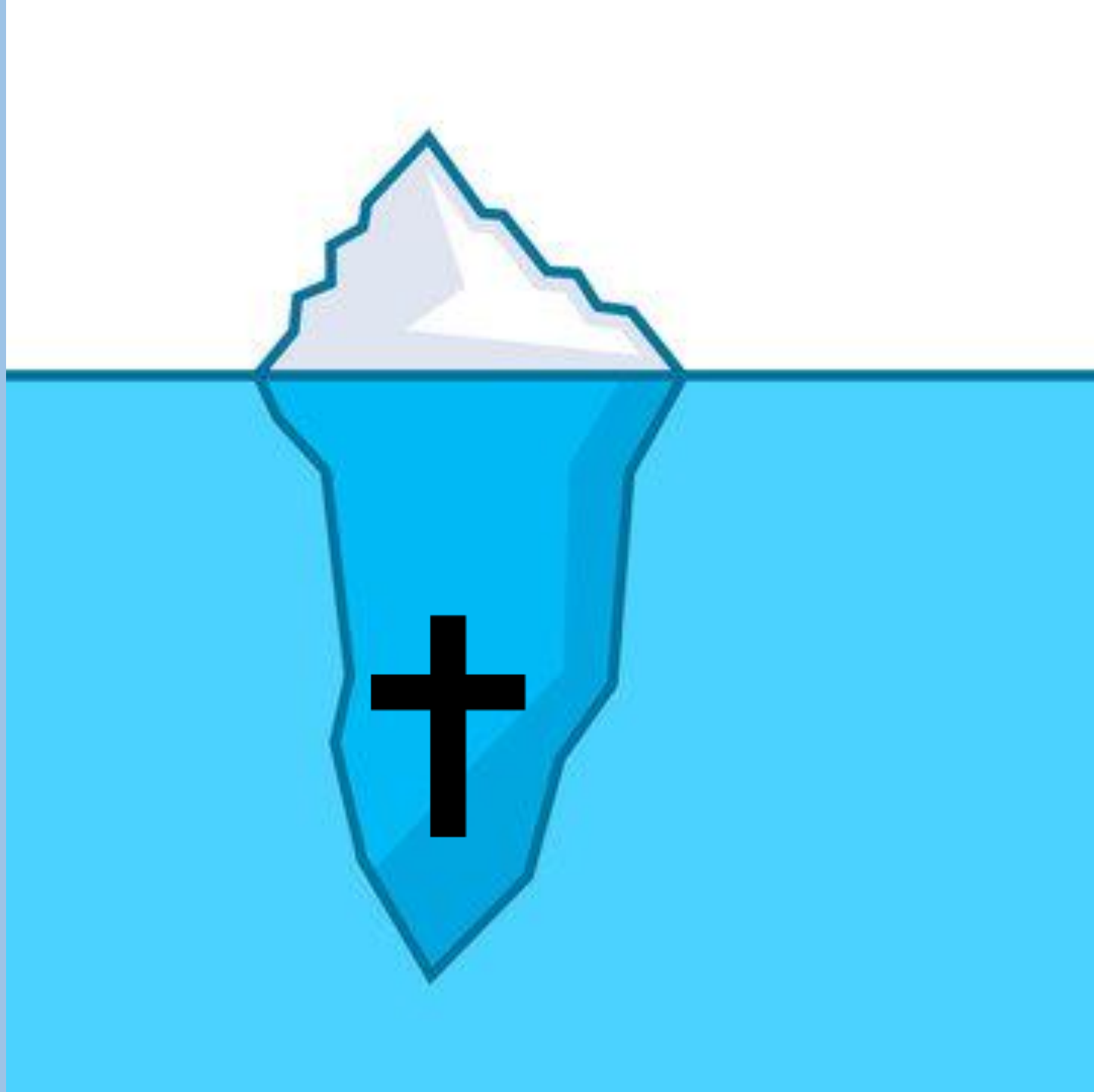
Structures

How things are organised; the whole framework within which people operate

Beliefs

Beliefs about how things work, about other people and their motives and agendas

Increasing leverage



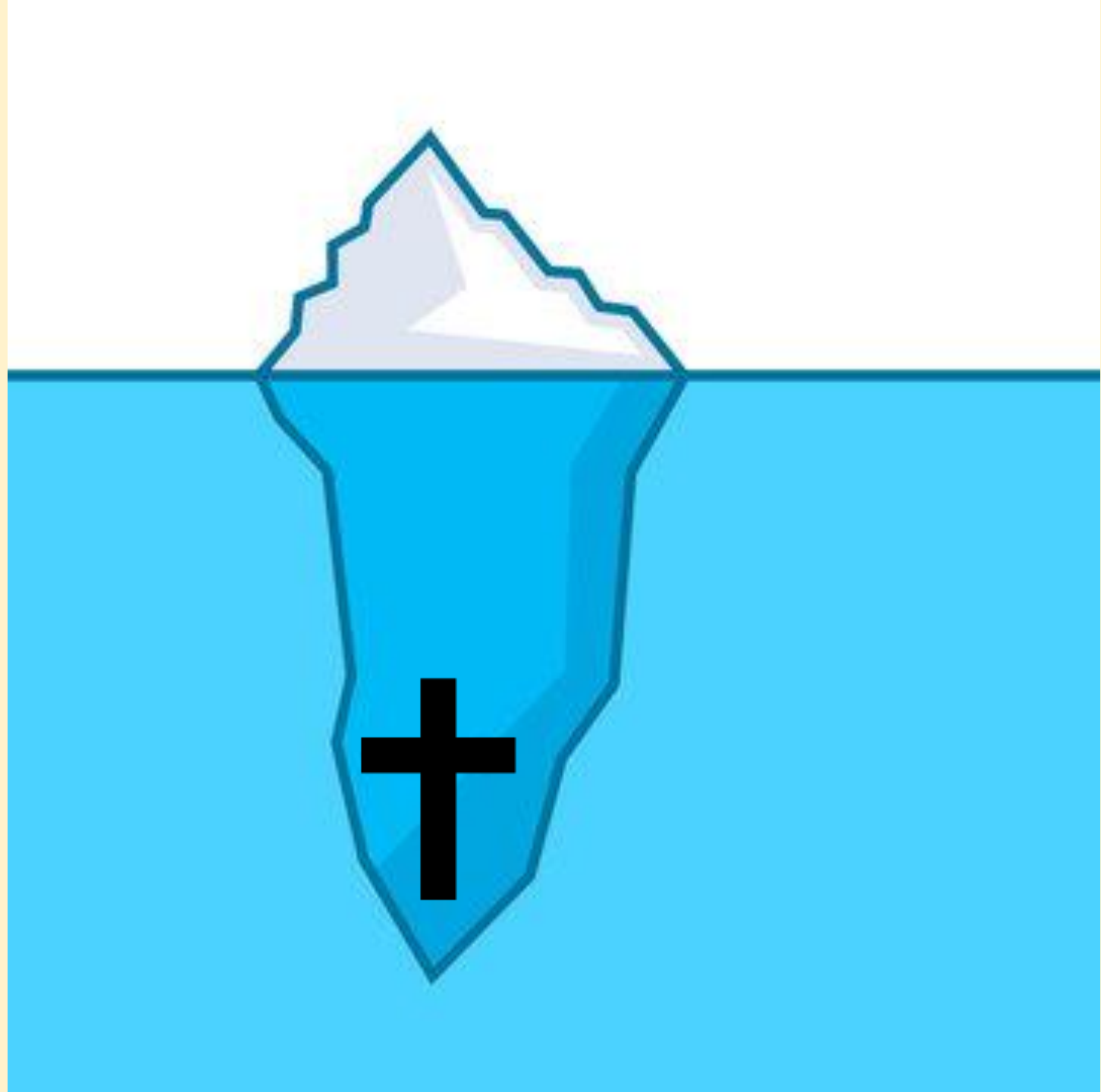
# How the Gospel shapes our relationships with others

Part 1: Headship and  
submission

Part 2: Love and Respect

Ephesians 5:15-20

A Family Life Ministry Sermon



<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-20





# Do's and don'ts?

## Old self

- Do not get drunk on wine (4v18)
- Do not lie (3v25)
- Do not hold on to anger (3v26)
- Do not steal (3v28)
- Do not have unwholesome wholesome talk (3v29)
- Do not be malicious (3v31)

## New self

- Instead, remember you are one body
- Instead, speak to build up
- Instead, don't allow the devil a foothold
- Instead, share with those in need
- Instead, build each other up according to their needs
- Instead be kind, considerate and forgiving

# Do's and don'ts in many churches

## Don'ts

- Do not go to church denominations
- Do not eat pork
- Do not vote Democrat
- Do not join workers union
- Do not get too emotional at worship
- Do not get a biometric scan
- Do not smoke
- Do not worship with music instruments

## Do's

- Must worship like 1<sup>st</sup> century church
- Must follow all the feasts in the OT
- Must observe Sabbath on Saturday
- Must speak in tongues
- Must raise your hands in worship
- Must be baptized like 1<sup>st</sup> century church
- Must wear veil for women
- Must tithe the way the church dictates

# Do's and don't's.

- **Catholics** –ALL non Catholics must come home to the one true church St Peter built.
- **Orthodox** –ALL Christians must be faithful to what has been passed down from the early church fathers
- **Traditional Protestants** – you smoke, drink, swear AND vote Democrat??? You must be immoral
- **Fundamentalist Reformers** – what is your statement of doctrine? You must be liberal
- **Charismatics** – your church doesn't encourage signs and wonders? It is a powerless church
- **Seventh Day Adventist** – your church doesn't observe Sabbath on Saturday? It is a disobedient church
- **Torah Observers** – you eat pork? You are in danger of the fire of hell
- **Closed Brethren** – your women don't wear veils during worship? It is not a bible based church
- **Non denominational Church of Christ** – you are not baptized in full emersion? You are not a Christian
- **Local Church Movement** – we belong to the church in Petaling Jaya. No need any other name. Where got such thing as Baptist in the bible???
- **True Jesus Church** – you don't desire to speak in tongues? You are not a Christian.

# The Gospel is just the entry gateway, not *central* to discipleship

## Stage 1:

Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.



## Stage 2

- **Catholic:** You must come home to the one true church St Peter built
- **Orthodox:** You must be faithful to what has been passed down from the early church fathers
- **Protestant:** You must not smoke, drink, swear AND vote Democrats
- **Fundamentalist evangelical:** You must be a 5 point Calvinist.
- **Charismatic:** You must speak in tongues
- **SDA:** You must observe the Sabbath on Saturday
- **Torah Observers:** You must not eat pork and must observe all Jewish festivities
- **Closed Brethren:** You must practice breaking of bread every Sunday and Women must veil
- **COC:** You must be baptized and worship must not be accompanied by music instruments
- **Local Church assemblies:** You must belong to an assembly that names itself only after the city it is in. All other labels are sinful

WHY CHURCHES OF  
CHRIST DO NOT USE  
INSTRUMENTS OF MUSIC

*EPHESIANS 5:19*

*COLOSSIANS 3:16*

# SIGNS

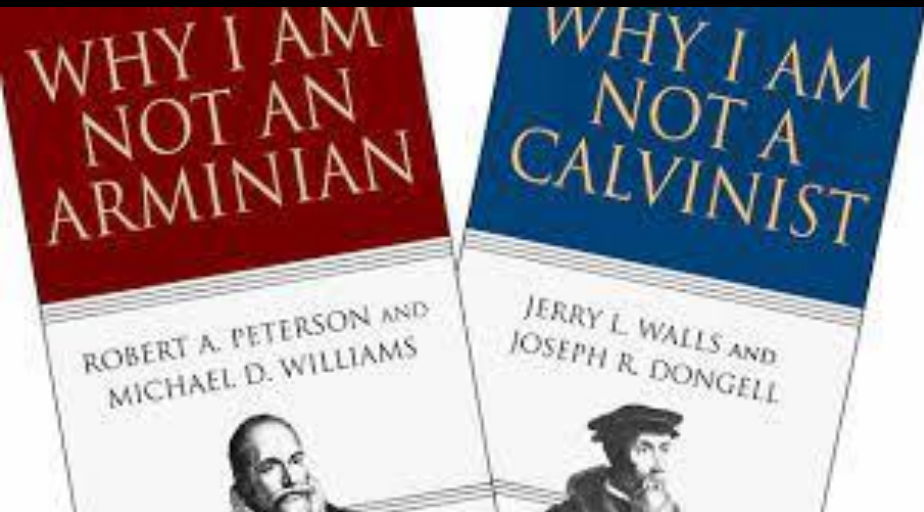
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BIBLE FACTS ABOUT  
THE SABBATH  
AND THE FIRST DAY  
OF THE WEEK



*Have You Received  
The Holy Ghost  
Since You Believed?*

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Clean Foods  
What the  
Bible  
Teaches



Unless God *changes your heart through the Gospel* so that you truly desire to love Him more and you desire to walk in the Spirit...your faith will be just a series of do's and don'ts which you have been taught by your respective church

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<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:22-33

Submission is a dirty word nowadays





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# Is it always illegal

## TO KILL A WOMAN?

FOR SIX MONTHS I bend the ears of the home office to get a postage meter. I win . . . Then the only good, fast, dependable, honest-to-Gregg stenographer I got, this redhead Morrissey—balks at a postage meter!

"I have no mechanical aptitude. Machines mix me up, kind of," she says. As if we asked her to fly a P-80. I almost blow my top.

This postage meter, I explain, is modern, more efficient, a time saver . . . No more adhesive stamps. No stamp box, and who's got the key? No running out of the stamps you need. No scrounging. No stamp sticking. Just set the lever for any kind of stamp you want, for any kind of mail, and the meter prints the stamp right on the envelope with a dated postmark—and it seals the flap at the same time. Faster than mailing by hand. Prints stamps on tape for parcel post. Will handle anything we have to mail out of this office. Even keeps its own records!

And metered mail doesn't have to be postmarked and cancelled in the postoffice, gets going earlier. It is practically heaven's gift to the working girl . . . and so on. But with the Morrissey, no soap.

I TRY diplomacy. "Miss Morrissey, I want you person'ly to try it for two weeks. If you don't like it then—back it goes to the factory! I depend on your judgment implicitly. Okay?" . . . She acts like an early Christian about to be lunch for a lion, but gives in.

So help me—two weeks later she has a big pink bow on the handle of the postage meter—like it was an orchid or something. I give it the gape.

"Kinda cute, ain't it," says Miss Morrissey. "But a very efficient machine, Mr. Jones. Now the mail is out early enough so I get to the girls' room in time to hear all of the dirt" . . . I wonder is it always illegal to kill a woman!

WE ARE always learning some new advantages of the postage meter. If you'd like to learn what one could do for your office, call the nearest Pitney-Bowes office. Or write for an illustrated booklet.



A. Ravilli



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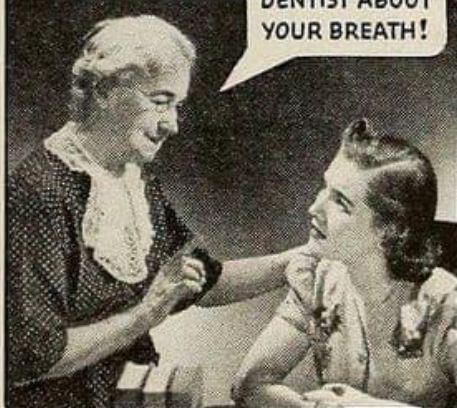
# I WANT A MAN!

WHY LIBBIE!  
WHAT A  
THING TO  
SAY!



BUT IT'S TRUE,  
GRANNIE! I WANT  
A MAN TO ASK ME  
TO MARRY HIM--  
AND NO ONE EVEN  
GIVES ME A RUSH!

WELL, HONEY, MAYBE I KNOW THE  
REASON FOR THAT! AND IF YOU'LL  
TAKE YOUR GRANNIE'S ADVICE,  
YOU'LL--WELL--YOU'LL GO SEE YOUR  
DENTIST ABOUT  
YOUR BREATH!



TESTS SHOW THAT MUCH BAD BREATH  
COMES FROM DECAYING FOOD  
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LATER—THANKS TO COLGATE'S...

YOU'RE A BOY AFTER MY OWN  
HEART, TOM--AND I'M MIGHTY GLAD  
THAT LIBBIE'S MADE UP HER MIND  
TO MARRY YOU!



NO BAD BREATH BEHIND HER  
SPARKLING SMILE!



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ROMANCE AWAY—  
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*...if he discovers you're  
still taking chances  
on getting flat, stale coffee  
...woe be unto you!*

*For today  
there's a sure  
and certain way  
to test for freshness  
before you buy*



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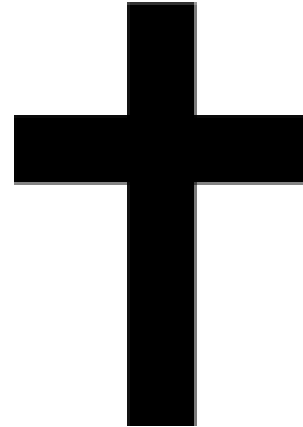
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Submit to one another:

- In marriage (5:22-33)
- In parenting (6:1-4)
- At work (5:5-9)



# Applying the Gospel into authority and submission issues

- How does the Gospel speak to you about authority and submission?
- How does the Gospel speak about authority and submission in the relationship you are having issues with?
- How does authority and submission teach you about bigger issues that the Gospel is all about?

<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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# Interpretation 1: “Submit to one another” does not mean mutual submission.

- It is contradictory for Paul to ask husbands and wives to mutually submit to each other then in the next verse ask wives to submit to their husbands.
- The Greek word for “submit” (*hypotasso*) in this verse is used in the bible only for hierarchical relationships. Never ever used in the New Testament for mutual submission.
- The term “one another” does not necessary mean mutually. For example Revelations 6:4 says “that men would slay one another”. This does not mean everyone mutually kills one another.

# Interpretation 2: "Submit to one another" means mutual submission.

- Mutual submission does not do away with authoritative structures. This is seen when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples (Matt 9:6)
- A straight reading of the text says it is mutual submission
- Verse 21 flows from verse 19 "speaking to one another" which is mutual and not hierarchical
- The context is from verse 17-18 about being mutually under submission of the Holy Spirit and not under submission individually to your desires
- The larger context starts from chapter 4 which contain relationship exaltations which are all mutual and not one way
- The section on authority and submission for slaves and masters in 6:5-9 states both are to serve one another
- The main theme in Ephesians is about the gospel bringing different people together in unity as a new humanity

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, **bearing with one another** in love.  
Ephesians 4:1-2

<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> **Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other**, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32

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Ephesians 5:17-21

<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and **walk in the way of love**, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
Ephesians 5:1

<sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. <sup>7</sup> **Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people**, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

<sup>9</sup> **And masters, treat your slaves in the same way.** Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.  
Ephesians 6:5-9

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.** <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup> **So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.** <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:13-18



<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body **to reconcile both of them to God through the cross**, by which he put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2: 14-16

# What does it mean then to submit to each other?

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Phil 2:1-4

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is  
Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

# How the Gospel teaches us to submit to each other

- Being willing to give ourselves – our rights, our privileges, our way of doing things, etc. for the sake of others
- To think of ourselves less and others more
- To be willing to serve one another
- To align ourselves under the other person by perceiving ourselves as lesser in rank for the benefit of the other



1. Unless you are willing to submit to each other you will have issues entering into a relationship where you are either a leader or a follower

- Wives align themselves under their husbands the way a church does to Christ  
(Ephesians 5:22-24)
- Husbands align themselves under their wives by loving them sacrificially the way Jesus loved the church  
(Ephesians 5:25-33)
- Children align themselves under their parents in honor and obedience  
(Ephesians 6:1-3)
- Fathers align themselves under their children by not exasperating them and training them  
(Ephesians 6:4)
- Slaves align themselves under their masters with sincere obedience serving Christ  
(Ephesians 6:5-8)
- Masters align themselves under their slaves by treating them with respect and sincerity of heart  
(Ephesians 6:5.9)



Unless you are able to be:-

- 1) **Bearing** with one another in love (chp 4:1-2)
- 2) **Speaking the truth** in love to one another (chp 4:15)
- 3) **Building up** one another in what you say (chp 4:29)
- 4) **Be kind and compassionate** to one another (chp 4:32a)
- 5) **Forgive** each other (chp 4:32b)
- 6) **Be Holy Spirit filled** together (chp 5:18)
- 7) **Worship with thankfulness** together (chp 5:19)
- 8) **Submit** to one another (chp 5:21)....

You will abuse your position as leader or follower at home, at work and in church for self centered gain (*and you won't realize it*)



# What the world teaches us:-

- Leader: There is only 1 speed. Mine. Catch up or drop out.
- Follower: I can't catch up. So I will drop out.

# What the Gospel teaches us:-

- Leader: There is only 1 speed. Mine. But for your sake I will try to slow down
- Follower: I don't think I can catch up. But for your sake I will try to speed up

# Case study (actually happened in another church)

- Pastor/elder just introduced guest speaker to a packed hall. After he introduced the speaker he discovered someone took his seat. What should he do?

# Option 1:-

- Pastor/elder: “Please vacate this seat. I was seating there earlier”
- Church member: “OK. Sorry I took your seat”

## Option 2:-

- Pastor/elder: Goes sit on the floor
- Church members: “Wahh...pastor/elder sit on the floor liao”

## Option 3:-

- Pastor/elder: Goes sit on the floor
- Church members: “Pastor/elder... please come and sit in my chair. I will go sit on the floor”

# What the world teaches us:

- Boss: There is only 1 way. Mine. Just do as I say.
- Staff: I makan gaji only ma so I do the minimum. Got opportunity I quit as don't need to put up with this @\$%

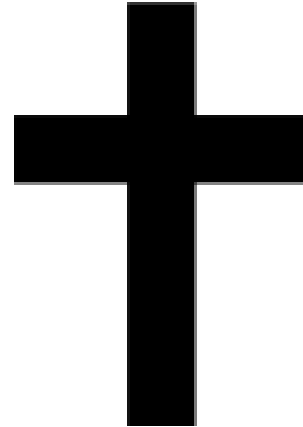
- Dad: There is only 1 way. Mine. Just do as I say.
- Son: I have no choice so I do the minimum. Got opportunity go overseas study as don't need to put up with this @\$%



- Husband: There is only 1 way. Mine. I am head of the household. Just do as I say.
- Wife: I have no choice so I do the minimum to submit. When got opportunity I will get a divorce as don't need to put up with this @#\$%

## **Submit to one another:**

- In marriage (5:22-33)
- In parenting (6:1-4)
- At work (5:5-9)
- In church



- The church is the body of Christ, “the fullness of him who fills everything in every way”. Chp 1:23
- The church is the product of Christ’s reconciling work on the Cross. Chp 2:11-22
- The church is the means by which God proclaims to demonic forces God’s eternal purpose through Christ Jesus. Chp 3:10-11
- The church is being equipped for works of service to attain the fullness of Christ. Chp 4:7-16
- The church’s relationship with Christ is like that of a husband and wife. Chp 5:21-32

- Does FBC have good leaders?
- Does FBC have good followers?

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> **If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.**

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:13-18

# Church governance examples

- Elders: Don't be dominating in leadership.

Church members: Don't try to usurp authority through manipulation

- Elders: learn to be more sensitive when instructing people to do things in church and respect protocol

Church members: Have grace with elders as they are so busy they often forget protocol

- Elders: ask yourself- are you really listening to your members?

Church members: ask yourself- do you just want things done your way?

- Unless you are willing to submit to each other you will have issues entering into a relationship where you are either a leader or a follower
- Learning to submit to one another is never always reciprocal

# You can do all of the below and the other person might not reciprocate

- I give myself – my rights, my privileges, my way of doing things, etc. for the sake of our relationship
- I think of myself less and you more
- I am willing to serve you in our relationship
- I align myself under you by perceiving myself as lesser in rank your benefit





<sup>21</sup> *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*



# Leah: The Unloved Wife

“If I do this, then my husband will love me”

<sup>31</sup> When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless. <sup>32</sup> Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, “It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now.”

Genesis 29:31

“If I do this, then my husband will hear my cries”

<sup>33</sup> She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Because the LORD heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too.” So she named him Simeon.  
Genesis 29:33

“If I do this, then my husband will be attached to me”

<sup>34</sup> Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” So he was named Levi.

Genesis 29:34

“My husband does not love me despite everything I do. *But* God loves me”

<sup>35</sup> She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.

Genesis 29:39

When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39