

AN EXERCISE IN BIBLE INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION (Outline)

1 Peter 3:1-6

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, [2] when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. [3] Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. [4] Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. [5] For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, [6] like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

The two basic questions for any text are:

_____ and _____

The first question is answered by investigating:

- the _____
- the _____ of the passage in the larger document
- the _____ of the passage

Three relationships described by "upostasso"

In I Peter each person in power in the 3 relationships is a _____

Notes on the background of the passage:

Why are Christians suspect in the eyes of society?

How does Peter say they can calm such suspicions?

OVER

The conduct that pagans will observe positively is described by the three uses of “_____.” The overarching point is

1 Peter 2:13

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men...

1 Peter 2:16

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.

“Do right” (2:14) and “show proper respect to everyone” (2:17).

This takes on a deeper meaning because in so doing, one is _____ who was the model for submissive endurance even of wrongdoing.

1 Peter 2:21-25

Wives

These women have already violated one of the basic principles of social order: the duty of a wife to _____.

The hostility in the home precipitated by her conversion can be overcome by her _____

Her attention to and choice of _____ will further her cause.

Matthew 5:5

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

The exhortation to slaves appealed to the example of _____ when mistreated. The exhortation to these wives appeals to the example of _____.

Application

The text instructs Christian wives of non-Christian husbands in an ancient social order. What does it say to us?

One cannot simply _____ the ancient instructions as relics of the past or uncritically _____ them as commandments for our own time.

The principle of submission given specific application to Christian wives of non-Christian husbands in 3:1ff. is broadened to “_____” in **1 Peter 3:8-12** and even to _____ in **1 Peter 5:5-6**

Thus, in I Peter the order of ancient society is _____, but the ancient order is also _____ by the cross.

What transforming principles apply to all of us here today?