

## **Colossians 3:18-21** **The Christian Home**

### **Introduction:**

The Christian Home is to be a witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. There should be a stark difference between the Christian home and the homes of the non-believer in Christ. Francis Schaeffer points out in his book "True Spirituality," "The fall alienated man not only from God, but also from himself and from other people."

Today our society lives with an amorality or immorality because apart from God there can be no absolute moral standards. Today we are faced with relativism and situational ethics. To these philosophies God's Law is too narrow and strict. We will see here the apostle Paul does not hold this corrupt philosophy. One of the purposes of God's Law is to sustain society and restrain evil.

- I. **Exhortations to Wives and Husbands – v.18-19**
  - A. **Twin epistles – Ephesians 5:22-24**
    1. Creative ordinance – I Cor. 11:3
    2. Church order – I Cor. 14:34-35
    3. Public worship – I Tim. 2:11-14
  - B. **The Role of women in the church – Turn To Titus 2: 3-5**
    1. The women's adornment – I Peter 3:4-6
    2. Submitting to her husband – Eph. 5:22-25
  - C. **Husbands: v. 19**
    1. Loving your wife as Christ loved the church
    2. Beware of bitterness
    3. Abuse – (Martyn Lloyd Jones) Eph. 5:28,29
    4. Neglect
    5. Protection
  
- II. **Exhortation to Children – v.20**
  - A. **Obedience**
    1. Children of Christian parents are in the Lord – Eph. 6:1; I Cor. 7:14
    2. The rules of Proverbs – Pro. 1:8; 6:20
  - B. **Discipline**
    1. Must not be exasperating to the child. (Dead Poets Society)
    2. The case of David's son, Absalom – II Sam. 17-19

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