



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 22nd, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship

Trinity Hymnal No. 89 "Come Thou Almighty King"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard

Trinity Hymnal No. 720 "A Child of the King"

Trinity Hymnal No. 269 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

The Reading of the Word — *Genesis 2:15-25* Hal Pritchard

Trinity Hymnal No. 580 "It is Well with My Soul"

The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn

The Sermon — "Marriage" (*Ephesians 5:22-24*) Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Trinity Hymnal No. 402 "Amazing Grace"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Baptist Hymnal No. 547 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Baptist Hymnal No. 10 "How Great Thou Art"

The Sermon — "Salvation Through Judgement" (*Ezekiel 28:20-26*) Hal Pritchard

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Baptist Hymnal No. 576 "Take the Name of Jesus with You"

The Benediction Pastor Winn

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

We stress the authority of Ephesians 5:22–24 because the past few decades have seen no small effort to overturn the meaning of this text. Some people reject it entirely, believing that Paul was a misogynist and therefore that we can ignore his teaching here. Such a view is impossible for those who take the Bible seriously, for it would mean denying what Paul says elsewhere, namely, that all Scripture—even his letters—is God-breathed, authoritative, and sufficient (2 Tim. 3:16–17). More commonly found among those who affirm the authority of God’s Word is the idea that the Bible teaches mutual submission of husbands and wives within marriage. This teaching is based on Ephesians 5:21, which calls us to submit “to one another.” However, Paul’s explicit teaching makes the understanding of mutual submission in marriage impossible. If Paul were calling for mutual submission he would have told husbands to submit to their own wives just as he calls wives to submit to their own husbands (v. 22). But the Apostle gives no such charge to husbands. Ephesians 5:21 refers more broadly to life in the church, and is a call for all church members to serve one another and to consider others before they consider themselves. Since Ephesians 5:22–24 does not call for mutual submission but enjoins wives to submit to their own husbands, it

is clear that husbands are given a leadership role in their homes. But note that a wife is to submit to her own husband (v. 22). This means that wives are not commanded to submit to all men but only to their husbands and any other figure who holds a lawful place of authority in the church or in the world. In this second kind of submission, they are no different from their husbands, who must also submit to lawful authorities. In considering the submission of wives, let us note that it is contingent submission. That is, a wife’s obligation to submit to her husband ends if he tries to get her to do something God forbids or attempts to keep her from doing something God commands. Sin is lawlessness (1 John 3:4), and Christ does not condone lawlessness (Matt. 7:23). Also, submission does not mean a wife has no say in how things operate at home. Foolish indeed is the man who does not listen to the wise counsel of his wife (Prov. 31:10–31). **Coram Deo:** Wives are not called to submit to perfect husbands, for no sinner can be a perfect husband. Instead, wives are to submit to the lawful leadership of their husbands even when their husbands lead imperfectly. This does not mean submitting to abuse, but it does mean being patient with husbands who are endeavoring to follow Christ and lead well.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

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| August 22nd |
| <i>Morning</i> Elise de Waal & Ashley Lirette |
| <i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Mary Margaret Pritchard & Lawanda Winn |
| <i>Wednesday - August 25th</i> Mary Margaret Pritchard |

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

CHILDREN'S CLASS PROMOTION

The fall promotion for the children's Wednesday night classes will take place Wednesday, September 1st and the fall promotion for Sunday School will take place Sunday, September 5th. If you have any questions please see Bridgette. To see the classes your child will be participating in, you can find the upcoming class schedules on the bulletin board in the Children's Department.

