

hierarchy (the systematic application of authority in order to impose order).

- All of God's institutions reflect all of God's own character.
- Now, here is the most important point of the study.

All of Christ's institutions carry the imprimatur of the Father, they all reflect the Person of the S_____ S_____ and as such, are anchored in servanthood of Christ!

Q 4. How does the institution of marriage reflect the Servant Christ?

1. **The Egalitarian (equality) model.** Slide A. Gen.1:27, 28; 2:7, Gen. 2:21-25

2. **The Complementary (help meet) model.** Slide B. Gen. 2:18, Mark 10:2-9, Gen. 3:16

3. **The Christological model.** Slide C. Eph. 5:21-33

Q 5. How does the institution of the family reflect the Servant Christ?

Slides D & E.

Christ Himself is the learning example and pattern for the child who obeys his parents in the Lord, not the law.

Q 6. How does the employer/employee relationship reflect the Servant Christ?

Q 7. How then does the New Ecumenism relate to God and His institutions?



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A disposable mini-guide to keep us on task for today's study.

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BRINGING THE SERVANT DYNAMIC "HOME"

GOD'S INSTITUTIONS

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;" Col. 3:12

Intro: We are studying Colossians 3:16-4:1 and its corresponding message in Ephesians 5:20-6:9. These verses lay down the basics for obedient believers who want to function within God's institutions regarding our marriages, our families, and our vocational *relationships*. We'll use the so-called Socratic or interrogatory method in our teaching today by asking ourselves questions. Only when we have answered the questions the big picture will become clearer in our minds.

Q 1. What do we mean by the term "institutions of God?"

Institutions are not arbitrarily imposed by God. Rather, institutions reflect the _____ of God Himself and His own _____ with Himself within the triune Godhead.

Q 2. Why do we embrace God's institutions? (See Col. 3:12 above.)

As Paul begins discussing relationships in general and specific institutional relationships, he reminds us that we do what we do in order to reflect or adorn our positions as the elect of God. This is why we change our spiritual clothes (putting off and putting on). We want to model or reflect the person and character of the great Designer.

Q 3. In what way then do these institutions reflect God? **All of God's institutions model the character and nature of God. Further, they all model God's own relationship _____ Himself.**

- All of God's institutions reflect order.
- All of God's institutions reflect divine order *within Himself* through

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THE INSTITUTIONS OF GOD

The Old Testament

The New Testament

A

The Equality Model

Both are created by God. Gen. 1:27, 28;
Both are made in the image of God. Gen. 2:7
Both are given dominion over the creation. Gen. 2:21-25
Both are (bone of bone and flesh of flesh) Adam.
Both are to be fruitful and multiply.

MARRIAGE MODELS

Equality is foundational to all marriages. Men and women are *absolutely equal*.

However, the equality model cannot and never did *stand alone* as the basis of marriage.

It offers no governing principles for assuring equality in institutional relationships. **Our culture is testing this today in all of our institutions.**

B

The Complementary Model

Eve was created as Adam's equal *helpmate* and was later further subordinated due to the fall. Genesis 3.

Note: Even combined, these two models are not fully adequate!

MARRIAGE MODELS

Husband

Equality is never in question. Initially, Adam was Eve's head as *primogeniture* – thus insuring order inside marriage. 1 Tim. 2:12

Wife

Eve was subjected to Adam's *headship* because of the fall and Adam's headship duties were further extended. 1 Tm 2:13

C

The Christ Centered Model

Christ, Adam, and Eve are now one by virtue of *both* the old and the new creation. This is new!
Ephesians 5:30

MARRIAGE MODELS

Christ

We now have a *Christological* point. Christ is inserting Himself into the marriage relationship.

Husband

As both marriage partners are accountable to Christ, each is better able to adjust to issues within the marriage.

Wife

D

Parent /Child – Old Covenant

All of Israel was under the tutelage of the law. The child's first duties were to honor and obey his parents who instructed him in the law.

FAMILY MODEL

Law

Old Testament families were accountable directly to God, the Royal Law, the Mosaic Law.

Parent

The mature child was then given sonship privileges.

Child

E

Christological Parent /Child Model

This parallels the Christ Centered Marriage Model.
Colossians 3:20,21

FAMILY MODEL

Christ

Children learn obedience and submission as they absorb the examples of their parents who *submit to Christ*.

Father

While the law provides teaching examples, Christ, not the law is the focus of the parent/child relationship.

Child