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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BRINGING THE SERVANT DYNAMIC "HOME"

GOD'S INSTITUTIONS

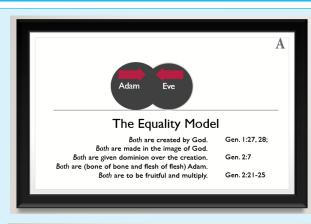
"Put on therefore, <u>as the elect of God</u>, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;" Col. 3:12

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

THE INSTITUTIONS OF GOD

The Old Testament The New Testament

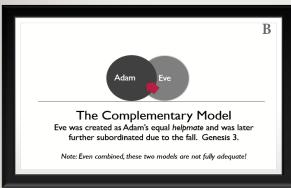


MARRIAGE MODELS

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.

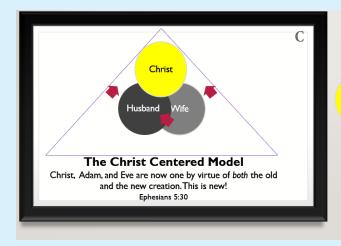


MARRIAGE MODELS

Husband

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

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



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.

D Parent Parent /Child - Old Covenant All of Israel was under the tutorship of the law. The child's first duties were to honor and obey his parents who instructed him in the law.

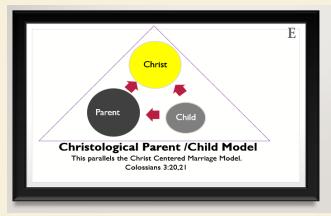
FAMILY MODEL

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

Parent

was then given Child

The mature child sonship privileges.



FAMILY MODEL

Christ

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

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