

The Gospel-Changed Woman
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1 Peter 3:1-6 p. 1015
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Introduction

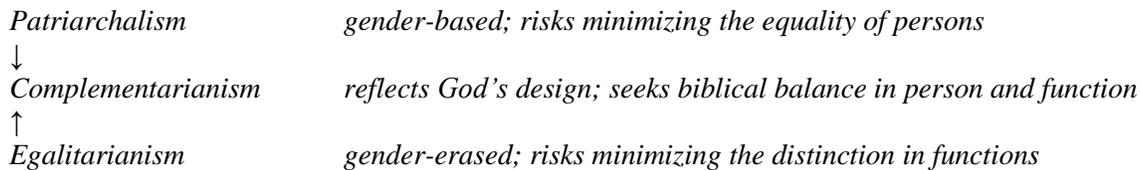
In this passage God instructs his daughters on the nature and habits of a gospel-changed woman.

The Text: 1 Peter 3:1-6

Six traits of a gospel-changed woman:

1) She believes and accepts that the authority structures God designed for governments and other social institutions (e.g., work), are also in the home (v. 1).

2) She places herself under her husband’s leadership as to the Lord (v. 1).



3) She reflects Christ to her husband by her God-honoring actions (vv. 1-2).

4) She knows that beauty is much deeper than skin, make-up, and clothing (v. 3).

5) She stands so firmly in Christ that the power of the gospel at work in her is her radiance (v. 4).

6) She trusts in God so confidently that her submission to God overflows toward her husband (vv. 5-6).

Response

- The beauty of a gospel-changed woman!

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 3:1-6

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- 1) Starter Question: How does our culture think about women and a woman's role in marriage?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What impact does the word "likewise" make at the start of v. 1? Since wives are certainly not like slaves, what constant theme might the word be signifying?
- 4) Why is it significant that Peter adds the phrase "to your own husbands" when talking about a wife's submission to her husband?
- 5) Why is "submission" often a negative word when it comes to a marriage?
- 6) What does biblical submission look like in an ideal, God-honoring marriage relationship?
- 7) Read 1 Corinthians 7:3-4 and 1 Corinthians 11:11-12. How do these texts suggest that submission is not one-sided, and that a God-honoring marriage involves a union of mutuality?
- 8) How can a wife show submission to her husband when he is not a Christian (vv. 1-2)? How might her actions display Christ to him?
- 9) What kind of beauty is Peter describing in vv. 3-4? How does a woman dress herself in such adornment?
- 10) Peter presents Sarah, the "first lady" of the Old Testament, as an example of a God-honoring woman. Who has been a modern-day example to you of a gospel-changed woman, and why?

Further study this week: Ephesians 5:1-21 on mutual submission in all relationships (Mon); Ephesians 5:22-33 on marital responsibilities for wives and husbands (Tues); 1 Corinthians 7:1-40 on principles for marriage (Wed); 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 on various aspects of marriage (Thurs); Song of Songs 1 on the love between a husband and a wife (Fri).