

Confidence In God's Design

Ephesians 5:23-24

Message


A Christian wife can be confident in submission knowing it is God's wise care for her

Notice Paul's reasoning in Eph 5:22-24

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Because God's original design points to and reflects Christ and His church (23)



Nevertheless, a submissive church is your model (24)

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Spirit-filled wives are responsible for submitting to their husbands out of wonder and awe toward Christ

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Man's name
(Adam) also name
for mankind
(*adam*)

God created
Adam first (1 Tim
2:13)

Adam responsible
for giving God's
instructions to
Eve

Headship
emphasizes
responsibility to
lead

Woman was made
"for" the man

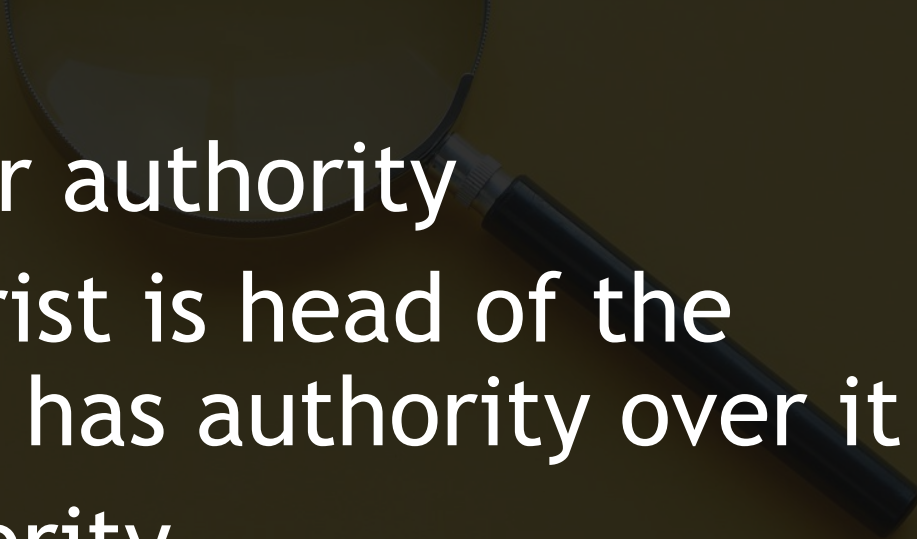
Woman was made
"from" the man

The man named
the woman

Her name
("ishah") was
built from his
name ("ish")

Evidences of male headship in
Gen 1-2

“Head” (Eph 5:23)

- Greek *kephale*
 - Normal usage: leader or authority
 - Eph 1:22 and 4:15 - Christ is head of the church, He leads it and has authority over it
 - Describes lines of authority
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Godly submission

Wives have the opportunity through godly submission to reflect the glory of Christ in His relationship to His church!

“Savior of the body”

Leadership is other-focused, caring and compassionate toward those being led

A Christ-like leader is a self-sacrificing leader

Submission

John Stott explains that a wife's submission to her husband "is not to be an unthinking obedience to his rule but rather a grateful acceptance of his care"

Ephesians, p. 226

The blessing of submission

A woman thrives within God's design when she rests in God's wisdom by joyfully submitting to her husband's leadership and care

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Not if he forbids her doing what God commands

Not if he orders her to do what God forbids

If so, she must obey God and not her husband (Acts 5:39)

She is not called to give unconditional obedience to her husband

She is accountable to God to not sin

Submit in everything?