

***First Baptist Church – Calgary***

**Week of:** March 21, 2010

**Message Series:** Ephesians – God’s New Society  
*#10 – The “Mission” in Submission*

**Study Notes:**

**Personal Study:** #10 – The “Mission” in Submission

1. Why are power & control so hard to let go of?
  - How do you react to the notion of submitting to someone else?

**Read Ephesians 5:21.**

2. Paul writes that we are to practice submission because of our love & respect for our King, Jesus Christ.
  - How does this instruction differ from the way most submission is practiced in our world?

**Read Ephesians 5:22:6:9.**

3. When we submit to one another, we are in fact honoring each other by acting in a gentle, loving, serving manner.
  - If you lived this way:
    - How would people around you describe your marriage?
    - How would your children & their friends describe your family?
    - How would your boss (or your employees) describe you?
4. Pastor Ken taught that each side of the three relationships Paul describes has an obligation under Christ:
  - If you are in authority, use your power to *cultivate* those you are responsible for, rather than to dominate them.
  - If you are under authority, use your energies & gifts to *sustain* those who are responsible for you, rather than undermine them.
5. How does this very practical teaching create noticeable distinctions within our culture between Church & society?
6. Prayerfully decide this week to put into action this powerful, important teaching from our Lord.
  - Submit to God your relationships – marriage, family & work.
  - Ask Christ to change your heart, and teach you His way of both practicing authority and living under it.
  - Pray for those who have authority over you & for those you have responsibility for. Ask God to love them through you!