

**Text:** *Colossians 3:18-4:1, NIV*

**What Paul Does Not Mean**

- Paul is not inviting women to live like \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul is not inviting women to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul does not refuse women \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church.

**The New Nature of Submission**

- Christian submission is \_\_\_\_\_.
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**The New Nature of Leadership**

- Leaders are now \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.
- A leader's primary characteristic is now \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Life Enrichment**

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What did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling about today's teaching?  
Why?

- Why do you think our modern sensibilities tend to be irritated by Paul's discussions of submission?
- How is our interpretation of Paul's concept of submission twisted by the society in which we live?
- Why do you think Paul is so determined to elevate wives, children, and slaves? How does their new identity and status "in Christ" change their relationships to household leaders?
- How is Christian submission different from the world's ideas about submission? Why is the distinction important?
- What are some common ways we all submit to authorities daily?
- How does following Jesus change the nature of family leadership from the typical Roman style of family headship?
- What are some ways that Christian submission can strengthen your marriage, parenting, and work relationships?
- How does following Paul's instruction help us set an example for the world around us?