

— Hebrews 13.7, 17 —  
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**Authority and Submission**

*Heb 13.7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith ... 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*

\* **Paul is** calling us to be \_\_\_\_\_ of kingdom life, showing forth the transforming power of the kingdom.

*Eph 3.10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.*

\* **Everything** we see God doing in the Bible is related to God's plan to \_\_\_\_\_ us as his sons and daughters, to bring us to where we, like Jesus, fully \_\_\_\_\_ God's character, purposes, loves, and hates.

\* **Although** God's blessings on us at creation clearly demonstrate his love, the full depth of his love, and his saving nature, and his hatred of evil would never be known apart from his plan of \_\_\_\_\_. Only through the \_\_\_\_\_ do we know the full depth of God's love.

*Eph 3.18 [I pray hat you] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

\* **Because** God is filling us with all his fullness, everything God does with us is based of the life of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_. Otherwise, he would not be imparting to us true knowledge of himself, nor would he be filling us up with all his fullness.

\* **We cannot** fully know God or image him without knowing the principles of authority and submission that are inherent in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*Gen 1.26, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them rule ... over all the earth"*

\* **The difference** between kingdom life and unregenerate life is not that one involves authority and submission, and the other does not, but that one involves \_\_\_\_\_ authority and submission, while the other involves \_\_\_\_\_ authority and submission.

\* **Our postmodern** age views headship & authority as forms of \_\_\_\_\_, and submission as either misguided or coerced cooperation with \_\_\_\_\_. But the direction of our age is not toward an authority-free environment, but rather toward a deeply \_\_\_\_\_ society, where speech and even thought, to the extent possible, are regulated. This shows our age is only concerned to deconstruct \_\_\_\_\_-influenced ideas of authority & submission, so that they can be replaced with new ideas of authority & submission properly suited to the authoritarian society of our brave new world.

\* **"Father"** and "son" are \_\_\_\_\_ names. One cannot be a father without a son; one cannot be a son without a father. Each demands a father-son relationship, and that relationship carries within it a principle of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 17.5 "Father, glorify me together with yourself, with the glory which I had with you before the world was."*

1Cor 15.28 *When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to him [i.e., the Father], so that God may be all in all.*

\* **The historic** Church has confessed that the Son is eternally

“\_\_\_\_\_” of the Father, and the Spirit eternally

“\_\_\_\_\_” from the Father (and the Son).

These terms are not expressing “coming into existence” of the Son and Spirit, but rather the eternal \_\_\_\_\_

of the three persons.

\* **If we** say the Trinity is an eternal commune of Thing 1,

Thing 2, and Thing 3, the result is no Trinity, no eternal

relationship at all, for a commune is necessarily an “opt \_\_\_\_\_”

“opt \_\_\_\_\_” arrangement at every moment. There is no

eternal bond or relationship there. That is not the God who

said, “Let \_\_\_\_\_ make man in \_\_\_\_\_ image” (Gen 1.26).

\* **How do** these verses show authority and submission between the Father and the Son?

1Cor 11.3 ... *God is the head of Christ.*

John 5.19 *“The Son can do nothing of himself, unless it is something he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, ... the Son also does in like manner ... 30 I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.”*

Luke 22.42 ... *“Not my will, but yours be done.”*

John 8.28 ... *“I do nothing on my own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught me. 29 And ... I always do the things that are pleasing to him [i.e., the Father].”*

John 12.49 *“The Father himself who sent me has given me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.”*

John 14.10 *“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own initiative, but the Father abiding in me does his works.”*

\* **The Son's** submission to the Father is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

It is submission born of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Father and desire

to \_\_\_\_\_ him above all things. And the Son's

submission is designed by the Father for the \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son.

John 17.1 ... *“Father, the hour come; glorify your son, that the Son may glorify you.”*

John 5.22 *“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.”*

Phil 2.9 *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

\* **How do** we see the same principles with the Holy Spirit?

John 16.13 *“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”*

\* **What is** the Father's and the Son's response?

Mark 3.28 *“All sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness.”*

\* **How do** we see these principles at work in Jesus' earthly relationship with the disciples?

John 12.26 *“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and ... if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”*

John 15.15 *“No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”*

Gal 4.1 *Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.”*

\* **Everything** God does with us, including exercising authority over us, and calling us to heartfelt submission, is so he might bring many sons to \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb 2.10).