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Genesis 3: 16: Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17: And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

The church must be in subjection to Christ in everything because Christ is the Head and Savior of the body. (Eph 4: 23-24) Why is this so important? We see it in the fall. The bride of Christ is the weaker vessel, even as the woman. (1 Pet 3: 7) Therefore, Satan's method in the garden was to turn this order upside down by tricking the weaker vessel. Satan came to Eve first, not to Adam. He beguiled, Eve. Eve's transgression was when she gave the fruit to her husband she usurped authority over her husband. (1 Tim 2: 14) It was the first thing God said to Adam, "Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake..." (Ge 3:17) The bride is supposed to be in submission to her own husband, Christ. But when Adam obeyed Eve's voice, that order was turned upside down. Thus through Adam's disobedience, sin and death entered bringing all Adam's children under the curse of God.

When we find a church claiming to be the bride of Christ who preaches that "jesus has done all he can do, now it is up to the sinner" it is not the true bride of the true Christ. That bride attempts to usurp authority over Christ. She arranges the whole house around the children, preaching what the people want to hear, rather than arranging the house around Christ the Husband, teaching her children salvation is only through submission to their Father. The harlot bride has great confidence and security in herself. She is the head of her house.

Yet, with Satan attempting to prevent her children from being born, the true bride is in great travail. (Gen 3: 16; Ex 1: 22; Es 3: 6; Mt 2: 16; Rev 12: 1-5) Therefore, the true bride's desire is to her Husband, who is the Desire of his children in all nations. (Gen 3: 17; Hag 2: 7) The true bride learns in silence from, and in subjection to her Husband because she knows her eternal Head and Representative is first; because she knows her Husband is the glory of God the Father and she the glory of her Husband; because she knows her Husband is not of her but she of him; because she knows she was created for him, not he for her; because she knows it would be great transgression to attempt to usurp his authority. (1 Tim 2: 11-13; 1 Cor 11: 7-9) The true bride places her care under the rule of her Husband who redeemed her. And as she continues in faith, love, and chastity to her Beloved, she is saved in childbearing, bringing forth children by his incorruptible Seed. (Gen 3: 16; 1 Tim 2: 15; Rom 7: 4) This is why every elect, redeemed, regenerated believer must be in subjection to Christ our Husband.