

A WORD TO BELIEVING WIVES AND UNBELIEVING HUSBANDS

1 Peter 3: 1: Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2: While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. 3: Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4: But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

If you are a wife who the Lord has saved after marrying an unbelieving husband then this is God's word for you. So long as he does not prevent you from worshipping Christ or abandon you, which includes physical abuse, then be in subjection to him. Show him your reverence and obedience to Christ your Husband by your meek and quiet spirit toward him. It may be that the Lord will use you to win him to come with you to hear the gospel preached.

If you are an unbelieving husband married to a wife who rests in Christ will you let me tell you what she wants from you above everything else? She wants you to simply come hear the preaching of the gospel that glorifies Christ alone. She does not want you to make a false profession. She wants you to look into scriptures with her to see that this gospel is the very word of God. She wants you, by God's grace, to know the comfort only Christ can give when he makes his child know that their warfare is accomplished. She wants your marriage to be made sweeter with true meaning by you both having an interest in the triumphant Lord Jesus Christ. I know this because it is what every believer wants for those they love.