

24 Feb 2013: Preached by Rev Tan Kian Sing

Topic: **Epistle of 1 Peter – Our Duties as Husbands and Wives**

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 3: 1-7

1. Marriage is an institution from God and given to mankind even before the fall of men. God's instructions to husbands and wives in a marriage relationship are given in 1 Peter 3:1-7 which continues from earlier chapter in our relation to government and employers.

2. The wife is to submit to her husband in a voluntary loving manner which is also required even if the husband is not a believer or not spiritual. This submission will lead to obedience to her husband. Submission does not mean the woman is inferior. It is simply different roles that God has designed for man and woman in a marriage relationship.

3. The Christian wife can shine forth for Christ by possessing inner beauty which is a meek and quiet spirit. She is not proud nor quarrelsome. While the Bible does not forbid woman with outward adornments, the focus of the woman should not be on external beauty which will fade away through age.

4. Christian wife ought to have a chaste conduct of purity in body and heart. Also, she ought to have respect and reverence for her husband. When a Christian wife follows God's Word in such godly manner, it is in the sight of God a great price.

5. The instruction to the Christian husband is to be wise to know and understand the wife being a weaker vessel so as to show consideration and understanding. The Christian husband is to give honour to the wife by showing her respect and seeing her as a person of good value.

6. Prayers to God can be hindered when the Christian husband or wife does not follow the way of God by being selfish and rebellious.