

### 1 Peter 3:1-12

- 1-6 For the Wife –
  Submit to Save Husband, Beauty of the Heart
  - 7 For the Husband –
    Same Way, Respect Wife as Coheir
- 8-12 For ALL Believers -

LOVE Believers, Guard Tongue



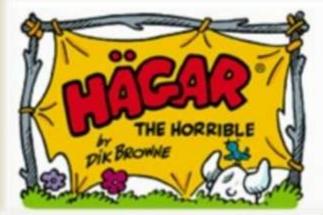


### **Alternative Title**

# Love One Another Seeking, Pursuing Peace























- 1-6 Divided into THREE sections for WIVES
  - 1-2 Wives Submit to Win Husbands
  - 3-4 Beauty Comes from Heart
  - 5-6 Beauty of Sarah who called Abraham "LORD"



Rolling Pi

Teaching wives to SUBMIT ... hah ... not a very safe topic

Worse, Peter – NOT ME – links submission to BEAUTY

Far braver man than me ... these have been abused for millennia

yet why are these a Controversial Topic today?

Michael Bolton, a love-song crooner, in 1989
6th Album named **Soul Provider**named after the lead song

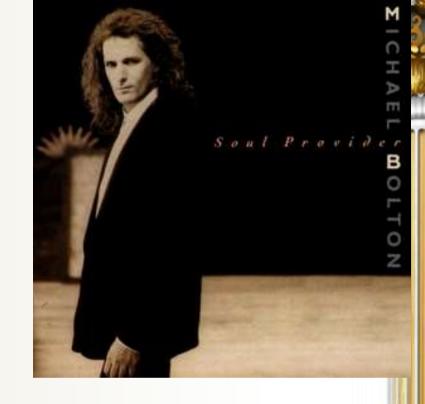
- ✓ Album had 5 top 40 hits, 3 top 10
- √ 4 yrs on Billboard 200
- ✓ Album 6x Platinum in U.S.
- ✓ SOLD 12.5m worldwide

Peter and Paul, I think,

meant that BOTH have a duty to  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{O}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{E}$ 

Yet, as clear, the HUSBAND has a

SPECIAL responsibility in LOVE



Michael Bolton's SOUL PROVIDER

Peter urged, expounded the husband's 
special LOVE as

I think, oh, fittingly as SOUL PROVIDER

Talk about love, talk about trust

Talkin' 'bout forever baby

When I'm talkin' 'bout us







### Dangerous for ME ...

I'm thinking ... Who am I to tell THIS group of ladies about marriage?

Reminded me a story

Man comes home ... plops down in recliner

Then proceeds to tell wife about what his DOCTOR said

### SHE MUST DO ... for his health and all

First, you need to a have dinner ready when I get home

Have my slippers laid out ... and newspaper next to my chair

Make sure YOU LOOK nice ... I have been working all day



Then, after dinner,

You need to massage my neck ...

If I've had a long day, you might ought to massage my feet too ...

Run the bath water ...

Then ... guess what happens next?

The WIFE said ...

We'll call the Funeral Home!



Danger Danger Danger





DANGER ... Ladies ...

the first part is for you ...

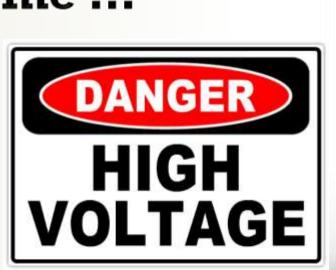
It is not ALL of the lesson ... not at all

Nor is this the BEST PART of the lesson ...

If you will be patient and trust me ...

We will ... rather,

I hope I SURVIVE!
so with trepidation ...



### Look briefly as these . . .

- 1-2 WIVES, IN THE SAME WAY SUBMIT yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over WITHOUT WORDS by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and REVERENCE OF YOUR LIVES.
- 3-4 YOUR BEAUTY should NOT come from OUTWARD adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.
  - Rather, it SHOULD be your inner self, the unfading beauty of a GENTLE AND QUIET SPIRIT, which is of great worth in God's sight.
- <sup>5-6</sup> For this is the way the HOLY WOMEN OF THE PAST who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They SUBMITTED themselves to their own husbands, like

SARAH, WHO OBEYED ABRAHAM AND CALLED HIM HER LORD.

You are her daughters if you do what is right & do not give way to fear.

### **Lot of CONTROVERSIAL Territory Here**



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What? ... "submit" in the SAME WAY as ... WHAT?

Obviously to what has gone before:

2:18-21 Slaves Respect Masters

2:21-25 Attitude of Respect: see Christ

- 1. Submit as Christ submitted ... \ Which do you think?
- 2. Submit as Slaves submit ...

Which do you think? ... Don't Answer!

Easier on the ears to say "Submit as Christ SUBMITTED"

However, truth here is that they are inextricably linked!

so tightly linked we have trouble in today's FREE WORLD

1-2 Wives, in the SAME WAY submit ... so that ... they may be won

no dodging this ... DON'T shoot me YET!
There is a HAPPY ending!

No dodging this ...

Wives SUBMIT as Slaves to their Masters! 1/2

EVEN as Christ did ... silently suffering, enduring INJUSTICE!

Yes, even INJUSTICE from the husband?!?

That's what Peter meant ...

Helps—in A.D. 63 the wife had NO CHOICE

Still, the "PURPOSE to WIN the Husband"

does NOT make this sound any better today

To make matters worse, Peter adds FOUR more verses

Wives

### FOUR more verses on HOW a woman should SUBMIT!

- 3-4 Your BEAUTY should NOT come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your INNER SELF, the unfading beauty of a GENTLE and QUIET SPIRIT, which is of great worth in God's sight.
- FOR THIS IS THE WAY the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her LORD. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

If not clear at first, this clears up a LOT—Husband is LORD too!

WOW! ... there is no sugar-coating this

Peter sandwiches BEAUTY between two SUBMITS



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5-6 the way HOLY women of the PAST ... SUBMITTED ...

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What does Peter do?

Peter sandwiches "BEAUTY" between two "SUBMITS"

What is Peter—the Burger King?

Of all the places for verses 3-4 on BEAUTY, sheese, in OUR culture TODAY, those verses could better Stand Alone





- ✓ As a slave to a master
- ✓ As Christ did, suffering silently
- ✓ In how she looks, gently
- ✓ In a Quiet Spirit
- ✓ As Holy women in past
- ✓ Calling him Lord!

Some pastors have **HAMMERED** that

Few pastors who DID ... did NOT survive!

For some women today – to swallow that FULLY is too big a PILL!

They'd change churches—NOT GOING TO DO IT!



God HELP us!
Is this as BAD
as it sounds
for us TODAY



As a slave to a master ... as Christ did ... in how she LOOKS, w/ Gentle, Quiet Spirit ... as HOLY women in past ... as he is Lord!

As a slave, silently as Christ, in a pure gentle spirit ...

All to WIN the unsaved husband to Christ

How about a jaunt to the beach?

I suspect a few women MIGHT NOT be as

concerned as Peter about SAVING their





As a SLAVE ... SILENT as Christ ... gentle spirit ... he "LORD"

# WHERE IS THAT WOMAN TODAY? Not Many in America

Furthermore, please notice what these 6 verses are NOT:

- ✓ Peter did NOT say the wife was to submit to ALL MEN
- ✓ These are NOT an isolated manifesto, a creed or new LAW
- ✓ NOT independent of rest of the New Testament
- ✓ 1 Peter 3 is NOT a giving family manifesto of any sort ...

  though some wish to make it so



Further-furthermore, notice what these 6 verses ARE:

- ✓ ARE connected to a CONTEXT of keys to living in this world
- ✓ ARE set a cultural setting where women had NO CHOICE
- ✓ ARE in a book to ENCOURAGE Christians FACING persecution

### What was Peter Trying to Do?

Was Peter even married?

harder for him to speak if NOT married





I give you my word, stick to my guns Believe when I tell ya baby That we've just begun

You don't understand, NO

The full intent of my plan







Clearly, after Acts 12 & after the Church Council in Acts 15

We do not know anything on Peter's trip to Rome

which does NOT indicate a married man

Mat 8:14-15 & Luke 4:38-39, Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law yet there's NO mention of Peter's WIFE anywhere



As a slave ... silently as Christ ... in a pure gentle spirit ...

To SAVE her husband's SOUL ...

REMEMBER the PURPOSE of this whole letter revolves around ...

# Our Living Hope

Best way for a WIFE to WIN an unsaved husband ...

Who IS or OUGHT to be THE MOST influential person in his life ...

NOT to be a SHREW or to FIGHT the culture of previous millennia

Nor even to demand her RIGHTS as a Christian ...



### **RECALL** from First Study in 1 Peter 1:5

5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

There is MUCH MORE to this Living Hope

Salvation is WHAT we hope for, long for—our HOPE

Salvation in our Eternal Rest, Heaven—essence of our  ${f HOPE}$ 

END of this world, the Coming of the NEW—goal of our  $\mathbf{HOPE}$ 

Shedding of Perishable & Clothed Immortal—glory of our HOPE



Since this whole letter is about

# Our Living Hope

Best way for a WIFE to WIN an unsaved husband ...

presuming she LOVES him

presuming he LOVES her ... but even if not ...

THE BEST way for a WIFE to win an unsaved husband ...

Is for the wife to be the BEST WOMAN she can be!

Is for the wife to be the IDEAL CHRISTIAN woman ... in A.D. 63

Much applies to TODAY ... because the BEST WOMAN ...

### IDEAL WOMAN has not changed much

Problem is that to many MEN are the ones defining IDEAL





A.D. 63, wife was EXPECTED to take the religion of the husband Some wives held onto their religion anyway ... no surprise there

### Prior to 1776, for many millennia EQUAL Rights did NOT exist!

Peter of A.D. 63 was NOT the same man 30 years prior who cut off the ear of the soldier trying to arrest Jesus!

He was truly living for Christ ... would die a martyr

1 Peter supports the LAW & Social Mores of A.D. 63 WITHOUT endorsing SLAVERY

Peter's admonition for slaves to submit NEVER eclipsed any kind of hope of freedom that a slave could obtain—NEVER Peter supports the LAW of OUR DAY, too— $esp.\ Equality!$ 

How SUBMIT?—slave - silently as Christ - gentle spirit - LORD Today ... because a woman has a CHOICE and because she has resounding "INALIENABLE RIGHTS"

BEST WOMAN ... the IDEAL WOMAN ... in today's WORLD

Loving her husband TODAY in order to WIN him

**DISRESPECTS** the husband by becoming a SLAVE, calling LORD

**SLAVE & LORD** of anyone are ILLEGAL today! ... at least in U.S.A.

Part of our great Christian heritage is that Christianity itself influenced the

### WHOLE world for the better



It took 1776 years to get a country FOUNDED upon FREEDOM

Not solely upon Christianity itself—God is NOT in the Constitution

**But clearly FOUNDED upon Christian & Enlightenment ideals** 

FOUNDED by those mostly of the Christian faith. IN CONGRESS. JULY 4, 1776.

Though nothing like EVANGELICALS today

Declaration of Independence says,

one people ... to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God ENTTILE them

It took another 72 years to 1848 for woman to organize & STAND up at

Seneca Falls crafting their declaration from the same words used in our Declaration

The unanimous Declaration of the Morten united States of Merica, Set Forth by the First Seneca Falls, New York

July 19-20, 1848





From 1776, it took another 100 years to 1863 to FREE slaves on PAPER

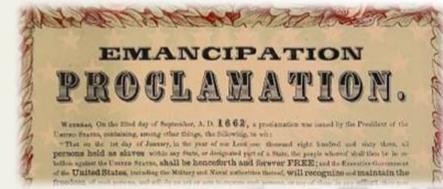
Another 60 years to 1920 before women could vote ...

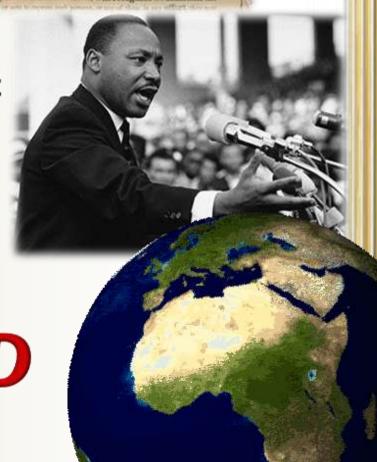
Another 40 years to 1964 Civil Rights Movement before ALL were actually FREED

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### 1 Peter 3:1-6 For the Wife - HOW are women to SUBMIT?

As a slave ... silently as Christ ... in a pure gentle spirit ... calling him LORD in A.D. 64

### Today ... she has a VOICE and the Rule of Law to PROTECT HER

- ✓ NOTHING in Peter or N.T. DENIES her voice & protection TODAY
- ✓ Importance of "slave" and "Lord" has evaporated in the U.S.A.
- ✓ There is no LEGAL BOND today, NOTHING similar to A.D. 63

What does apply? ... the spirit, the meaning & the power of the

### **BEST & IDEAL Christian WOMAN**

In America today, a wife WRONGS her husband by becoming a SLAVE & calling him LORD as Sarah did in 2000 B.C.







Peter NEVER expected a woman to DENY her "rights" then even the few "rights" as they had then ...

Not then in A.D. 63 ... and Peter does NOT expect a denial today

With NEW "rights" to EQUALITY today ... Guess what that gives?

She has the "RIGHT" to DO MORE today!

She may CHOOSE to SERVE her husband in a fashion BETTER than a slave of could in either 2000 B.C. or A.D. 63!

She may CHOOSE to yield & give her husband HONOR much GREATER HONOR than implied in "Lord" used by Sarah!

In short, today, BECAUSE of Christianity & the

**BEST COUNTRY FOUNDED upon FREEDOM ...** and Freedom of Conscience ...





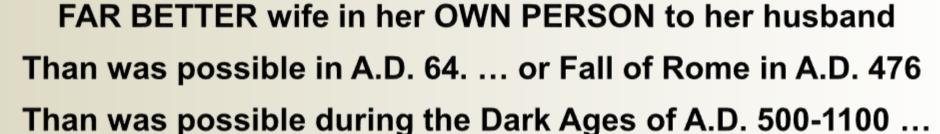


Today, most important part gets a shot

The most important part gets TURBO charged

Today, because of FREEDOM

**BEST & IDEAL WOMAN** has FREEDOM to be a



Than was possible during the Reformation after A.D. 1517 ...

Than was even possible in 1776 ...





IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of Merica,

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To be the BEST WOMAN ... it should kinda be obvious by now
To be the BEST WOMAN ... she MUST be able to CHOOSE to BE
When she CHOOSES to submit to WIN a lost husband ...
When she CHOOSES to give him reverence, respect ...
Moreover, when she CHOOSES to dress nicely, modestly
When she CHOOSES to LOVE ...

oh, a LOVE Freely Given by a FREE Women

That is the BEST kind of Christian Love in the Universe

Last, but not least ... and I think Peter's point TODAY

A man that **MISSES**that kind of **LOVE** 





## 1 Peter 3:7 For the Husband - Same Way, Respect Wife

<sup>1 Peter 3:7</sup> Husbands, IN THE SAME way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect

as the WEAKER partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

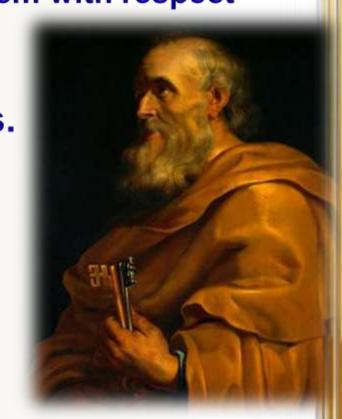
Peter ... who was Peter?

Like Paul, Peter was a Jew, and most Jewish men married young

Perhaps he was a widower ... freer to follow Jesus late in his life

We do NOT know, but I think we can surmise at this time Peter was a widower

I THINK we can surmise a couple other things



I THINK we can surmise pre-conversion Peter was NO Casanova

Seems to me ... most good women:

- ✓ The best do NOT cater to the reckless
- ✓ Most women do NOT want a man that

  LEAVES the BOAT in a Stormy SEA

  most do NOT want Evel Knievel
- ✓ Most would withhold dinner for a husband who RISKED his life to KILL a Roman Soldier taking off the ear of the soldier arresting Jesus
- ✓ Most would think LESS of man intimidated by a young girl caused Peter DENY Christ

HERE, we see what PETER believes is the BEST WOMAN maybe like his wife was—God bless her!



live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the WEAKER partner & HEIRS with you of the gracious gift of life, SO THAT NOTHING WILL HINDER YOUR PRAYERS.

Not very many see this: "IN THE SAME WAY" looks BACK See the husband as having GREATER responsibility

Looking back, "considerate" encompasses "slave-to-master" "considerate" clearly referring to HOW the wife submits

In A.D. 63, the husband had MUCH POWER ...

As with the wife, Peter REENFORCES social mores, but Peter ADDS "considerate" and Peter is also FREE to do MORE

<sup>1 Peter 3:7</sup> Husbands, in the SAME WAY be CONSIDERATE as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the WEAKER partner & HEIRS with you of the gracious gift of life, SO THAT NOTHING WILL HINDER YOUR PRAYERS.

Like Paul in Gal. 3:28, "neither Jew or Greek, bond or free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Peter—husband is a "CO-HEIR" of the gift of life—Salvation!

**EQUALITY in God's LOVE beckons BOTH** 

Only to the husband does Peter LINK his treatment of his wife to the

**HINDERING** of his PRAYERS

No more SERIOUS responsibility— Husband's PRAYERS Affected!!!



1 Peter 3:7 For the Husband – Same Way, Respect Wife

Peter was talking to CHRISTIANS in Asia Minor and Galatia ...

To ALL ... Slaves, Masters, Wives, Husbands ...

# LOVE Each Other

That is HOW you get along in a HOSTILE world ...

To HUSBANDS, links back to ALL and adds "consideration" AND

LINKS husband's BEHAVIOR to his prayers
LINKS husband's BEHAVIOR to

# Husband's VERY LIFE!



So ... L A D I E S ...

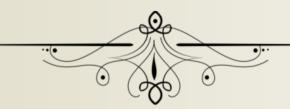
Is your husband your

# **SOUL Provider?**

Yes?—then, he'll make it ...

His prayers

God will hear







YES – Peter, Paul in our inspired Scriptures

Tied the SUCCESS of the husband's PRAYERS to

How well he LOVED his wife



## 1 Peter 3:8-12 For All Believers – Love ... Guard Tongue

Peter closes with 5 verses ... first two similar to those above on slaves, masters, wives and husbands ... but with a twist

8 Finally, ALL OF YOU, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

our KEY verse

Exquisite, really, the PUREST and NICEST Christian!

We could ... maybe SHOULD spend an hour on this verse 8 alone

Peter knows that's NOT enough, so he gives precise instructions!

<sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.
On the contrary, repay evil with BLESSING, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Exquisite, too, and NOT something ANYONE talks or writes about HALF as much as they do about "wives submit" <sup>1 Peter 3:9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Exquisite, purely pacifistic ... no self-defense

**Exquisitely CLEAR**—simple, no misunderstanding

- ✓ No one, except Christ, did this 100% in A.D. 63
- ✓ Not one since or TODAY has done this 100%.
  - though, perhaps, a few have come close
- ✓ Worst, NO ONE here today will do this, not 100%

# NOT GOING TO DO IT!

ARE these impossible verses? ... not really ... but these ARE the IDEAL – Please Try!

Mahatma Gandhi



### Peace & War in SBC Baptist Faith and Message

<sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil—TRY to! – yet, how many have a gun?

"Just War" by Christian scholars for centuries ... see my 2001 paper

Biblical War & Peace: SBC Baptist Faith & Message Article XVI

#### **Bible Indicates Several Kind of War**

War caused by God

War caused by Satan

War caused by people sent from God

War caused by people sent from Satan

War caused by both good and bad people

### **War Against Christians Directly or Indirectly**

Satan and his demons war against Christians

Some religious people war against Christians

Some religions war against Christians

Some people war against Christians

Some organizations war against Christians

### **Bible Indicates Several Kinds of Peace**

**Redemptive Peace only God can bring** 

Miraculous Peace only God can give

Community Peace partially at government's

hands

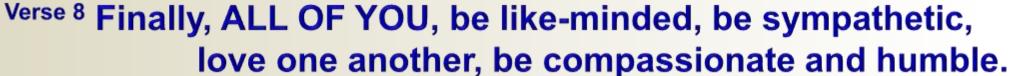
Our Lesson
and Peter do not
exclude defense

Peacemaker Peace that each have a responsibility

Earthly Peace that awaits the reign of Christ Ultimate Peace that awaits us in heaven

www.PreciousHeart.net/War-Peace.pdf





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Exquisite, really, the BEST Christian!

## We CAN & WANT to do these!

Similar jewels are scattered throughout our Christian literature for 2,000 years

I wish we could do all the above and these .
I'm thankful for those I CAN DO

I look forward to **Heaven** when verse 8 and these will be **OUR LIFE!** 

Always pray to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith.



Oh, in closing, 1 Peter 3:10-12 quotes Psalm 34:18-20 Yes, we WANT to, we ALL want VERY MUCH to

Whoever would Love life & see good days, keep our tongue from evil

Turn from evil, do good, SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous his ears are attentive to their prayer,

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

