

§ 2.4 • Exhortation to Embrace One's Subordinate Status in Various Social Relationships

PART 14

- 31** In awe of the Messiah, be subordinate to one another:

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- 32** Wives, be subordinate to your own husbands as you are to the Lord. ²For the husband is the head of his wife just as the Messiah is, in fact, head of the *ekklesia*. ³(He himself is the *soter* of his *soma*.) ⁴And just as the *ekklesia* is made subordinate to the Messiah, so also wives, in each case, are made subordinate to their husbands.

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- 33** Husbands, love your wives—just as the Messiah, in fact, loved the *ekklesia* and gave himself up on its behalf so that he might sanctify it for himself, cleansing it of sin in the ritual cleansing bath of his word. ²This he did so that he might present the *ekklesia* to himself as brilliantly glorious—having no blemish or wrinkle or any such thing—indeed, so that it might be holy and without defect.

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- 34** Just so, husbands too ought to love their own wives, just as they do their own bodies. ²The one who loves his own wife loves himself. ³Now no one ever hated his own flesh; rather, he nurtures and cares for it. ⁴This is, as a matter of fact, how the Messiah is toward his *ekklesia*, because we are members of his body. ⁵“For this reason a man shall forsake his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one ‘flesh.’” [Genesis 2:24] ⁶This is the great secret. (⁷I mean with reference to the Messiah and his *ekklesia*.) ⁸Nevertheless, you, too, individually, each of you, is to love his own wife in this way, even as himself. ⁹And his wife is to see to it that she respects her husband.

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- 35** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother.” [Exodus 20:12] ³This is the first commandment with the promise—“so that it may be well with you, and that you might live long on the land.” [Deuteronomy 5:16] ⁴And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger. ⁵Rather, nurture them in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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