

# MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

## EPHESIANS - MUTUAL SUBMISSION

APRIL 10, 2017

### I. FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

#### A. Other ways to express the thought in Ephesians

1. The church is the fullness of Him who fills all in all  
- Eph. 1:23
2. Filled up to all the fullness of God - Eph. 3:19
3. Measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness  
of Christ - Eph. 4:13
4. Filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18

#### B. Fullness of the Spirit is the expression of God in a believer

### II. CHARACTERISTICS OF A SPIRIT FILLED PERSON

#### A. Life of building up other believers

#### B. Life of joy and thanksgiving

#### C. Life of mutual submission

### III. SUBMISSION AND SERVICE

#### A. Paul could have used the word for service but chooses submission

1. Service could be taken as acts of service
2. Paul's thought involves the loss of control of my  
life

#### B. Example of the Lord

1. All things are under His control
2. Because He loved us He served us
  - a. Served us in coming to earth

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- b. Served us in His death on the cross
- c. Serves us today as head of the church
- d. His role in serving limited His personal potential

### IV. MUTUAL SUBMISSION WORKED OUT IN COMMON RELATIONSHIPS

#### A. Marriage

- 1. Wives submit
  - a. Required by Roman law
  - b. Now an act of service to the Lord
- 2. Husbands love
  - a. Act of humiliation in the Roman world
  - b. Love limits opportunity - love by giving yourself for her

#### B. Family

- 1. Children obey your parents
  - a. Required by law
  - b. Now an act of service to the Lord
- 2. Fathers bring up your children for the Lord
  - a. Serve the children for the Lord's sake

#### C. Slave Master

- 1. Slaves obey your masters
  - a. Required by law
  - b. Now as a proof of your love for the Lord
- 2. Masters be concerned for your slaves
  - a. Treat them as people with equal standing before God