

## **Sermon Outline**

### **“Honoring the Lord in All Our Relationships”**

Colossians 3:18-4:1

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#### **Main Idea:**

Trusting and obeying the Lord in our everyday relationships honors and glorifies Him.

#### **Sermon Outline:**

1. About Marriage—and marriage roles.
2. Other relationships.
3. Slaves and masters.
4. Masters and employers.

#### **Key Quotes:**

“Paul’s teaching emphasized the fact that our union with Christ trumps all other distinctions in society.”

“The Lord is very, very interested in how we live out our lives in the roles he has assigned to us.”

“All three Persons in the one Godhead are of the same divine essence, equal in honor and power and glory. But they have different roles or functions. There is a unity of being and there is a diversity of function”

#### **Fellowship Starters**

1. Read Colossians 3:18-4:1 and Ephesians 5:15-33 together.
2. Open in prayer.
3. Discuss and remind one another of the central motivation that Paul roots his commandments and rules for Christian living in (See Col 2:6-7; 3:1-4, 17, 23-24)
4. Discuss how Paul’s commandments for husbands and wives, parents and children, employers and employees really apply to any and all relationships in society? [In other words, though Paul is addressing these individual groups and roles in the church, the rest of the NT calls all Christians (married or single) to a life of humility, submission, obedience and love]
5. Discuss how the end goal of parenting is not blind obedience, but rather for children to understand how to live in a way that “pleases the Lord.” .
6. End in prayer, focusing on the confidence that our great God will give abundant grace to anything and everything that he calls us to do in serving Him.