

## HOME - The Most Important Place on Earth!

Perhaps many people would say that the most important place on earth is the rain forest, or the polar ice cap, or the White House or even the church. Consider this: The first thing God instituted after creation, is the HOME.

2 words that are central to the Christian life and the Christian Home.

**Submission & Grace** – The two words are very similar.

- Grace is freely given to us from God. (Rom. 3:24)
- Submission must be freely given by us to God! (James 4:7)

**“We will have no King to rule over us!”** That independent spirit is what energized the free spirit of the American Revolution, but it can get in the way when it comes to submitting your life to another in relationships within marriage and the home. But especially and primarily in our relationship with God. Nothing could be more central to the Christian life than the creature submitting himself to His Creator.

What is Submission? \_\_\_\_\_

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Submission is not - \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4 common myths about submission

**Myth #1** – \_\_\_\_\_

**John 17:1** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:” Jesus, while being God, was in total submission to God the Father. Many people believe that if they submit their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, they will lose their freedom; they cannot do anything that they want to do in life. A tragic flaw in this reasoning is that a person who is not under the lordship of Jesus is not free.

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**Myth #2** - \_\_\_\_\_

Again, we must point to the fact that in submitting to His Father, Jesus does not lose His identity as God, but his role relationship with the Father is clarified: **John 17:4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

Yet there are some who think that if they follow Jesus, they will lose their identity as freethinking, do-as-they-please people. Or they think they will check their minds at the door of the church and be mindless robots.

**What is the answer? The answer is love.** Submission is no problem where there is selfless love.

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**Myth #3** - \_\_\_\_\_

**John 17:2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Jesus had a very narrow purpose. He came to die. He is the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world. Jesus tells us that when we are crucified to self, we live. He tells us that whoever saves his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for Jesus’ sake finds it. **You lose nothing in following Him.** You will only realize peace and fulfillment.

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**Myth #4** - \_\_\_\_\_

**John 17:13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

This myth says that if I become a Christian or if, as a Christian, I follow the Lord to where I believe He is calling me, I will no longer be happy. This is one of the greatest lies.

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Submission to the Lord Jesus is not a loss of joy, but a mending of our wounded and broken souls that brings endless delight to our lives.