

On the Question of Women's suffrage

some Bible passages

Ephesians 5:21-23

21 ὑποτασσόμενοι ἀλλήλοις ἐν φόβῳ Χριστοῦ,
Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

ὑποτασσόμενοι -any form, 27x in Paul, 42x in NT, 29x in LXX - present passive participle functions as imperative 3x in NT **, any passive 29x in NT *, passive participle does not occur in LXX, -

*Luke 2:51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

*Luke 10:17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"

*Luke 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**Eph 5:21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

*Heb 2:8, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,

*Heb 12:9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

*James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

*1Peter 2:13 For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme,

**1Peter 2:18 Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh.

**1Peter 3:1 Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct,

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*Romans 10:3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness.

*Romans 13:1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.

*Romans 13:5 Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.

*1Cor 14:32 And the spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets,

*1Cor 14:34 women should be silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as the law also says.

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*1Cor 16:16 I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people, and of everyone who works and toils with them.

2Cor 9:13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,

Gal 2:5 we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you.

Eph 1:22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

*Eph 5:21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

*Eph 5:24 Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Phil 3:21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

*Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

1Tim 2:11 Let a woman learn in silence with full submission.

1Tim 3:4 He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way--

*Titus 2:5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will

κυριεύσει -future active indicative 23x in LXX - *to rule or reign over, with the implication in some contexts of 'lording it over'* -

Isa 3:4 And I will make boys their princes, and babes shall rule over them.

Gen 3:16, Gen 37:8, Exod 15:9, Num 24:7, 2Chr 14:6, Ps 9:26, Ps 48:15, Ps 71:8, Isa 3:4, Isa 7:18, Isa 19:4, Jer 3:14, Jer 37:3, Dan 2:39, Dan 11:3, Dan 11:39, DanTh 2:39, DanTh 11:3, DanTh 11:5, DanTh 11:43, Jdt 10:13, Od 1:9, Bar 2:34,

- 80x in LXX in any form - 7x in NT, any form - 1x in future active indicative * -

Gen 1:28, Gen 3:16, Gen 9:1, Gen 37:8, Exod 15:9, Num 21:18, Num 21:24, Num 24:7, Num 32:22, Num 32:29, JoshB 12:2, JoshB 15:16, JoshB 24:33, JudgB 9:2, JudgB 9:2, JudgB 14:4, JudgB 15:11, JudgA 9:2, JudgA 14:4, 2Chr 14:6, 2Chr 20:6, 1Esdr 2:22, 1Esdr 4:3, 1Esdr 4:14, 1Esdr 4:15, 1Esdr 4:22, Ps 9:26, Ps 9:31, Ps 18:14, Ps 48:15, Ps 71:8, Ps 105:41, Ps 109:2, Ps 118:133, Isa 3:4, Isa 3:12, Isa 7:18, Isa 14:2, Isa 14:2, Isa 19:4, Isa 42:19, Jer 2:31, Jer 3:14, Jer 37:3, Lam 5:8, Dan 2:38, Dan 2:39, Dan 3:2, Dan 11:3, Dan 11:39, DanTh 2:39, DanTh 3:94, DanTh 4:25, DanTh 4:32, DanTh 5:21, DanTh 6:25, DanTh 11:3, DanTh 11:4, DanTh 11:5, DanTh 11:43, Jdt 1:14, Jdt 10:13, Jdt 15:7, 1Mac 6:63, 1Mac 7:8, 1Mac 8:16, 1Mac 10:76, 1Mac 11:8, 1Mac 14:7, 1Mac 15:29, 1Mac 15:30, 4Mac 1:4, 4Mac 2:12, Od 1:9, Sir 17:4, Sir 37:18, Sir 44:3, Bar 2:34, Bar 3:16

Luke 22:25 ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, Οἱ βασιλεῖς τῶν ἐθνῶν κυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ ἐξουσιάζοντες αὐτῶν εὐεργέται καλοῦνται.

But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.

Romans 6:9 εἰδότες ὅτι Χριστὸς ἐγερθεὶς ἐκ νεκρῶν οὐκέτι ἀποθνήσκει, θάνατος αὐτοῦ οὐκέτι κυριεύει.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

*Romans 6:14 ἁμαρτία γὰρ ὑμῶν οὐ κυριεύσει· οὐ γὰρ ἔστε ὑπὸ νόμον ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ χάριν.

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 7:1 Ἡ ἀγνοεῖτε, ἀδελφοί, γινώσκουσιν γὰρ νόμον λαλῶ, ὅτι ὁ νόμος κυριεύει τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον ζῆ;

Do you not know, brothers and sisters--for I am speaking to those who know the law--that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime?

Romans 14:9 εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν καὶ ἔζησεν, ἵνα καὶ νεκρῶν καὶ ζώντων κυριεύσῃ.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

2Cor 1:24 οὐχ ὅτι κυριεύομεν ὑμῶν τῆς πίστεως ἀλλὰ συνεργοὶ ἔσμεν τῆς χαρᾶς ὑμῶν· τῇ γὰρ πίστει ἐστήκατε.

I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith.

1Tim 6:15 ἦν καιροῖς ἰδίους δεῖξει ὁ μακάριος καὶ μόνος δυνάστης, ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν βασιλευόντων καὶ κύριος τῶν κυριούντων,

which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

23 ὅτι ἀνὴρ ἔστιν κεφαλὴ τῆς γυναικὸς ὡς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς κεφαλὴ τῆς ἐκκλησίας, αὐτὸς σωτὴρ τοῦ σώματος·

For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior.

κεφαλὴ - 18x in Paul - *head*

Romans 12:20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

1Cor 11:3 [3x] But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the husband is the head of his wife, and God is the head of Christ.

1Cor 11:4 [2x] Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head disgraces his head,

1Cor 11:5 [2x] but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head--it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved.

1Cor 11:7 For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image and reflection of God; but woman is the reflection of man.

1Cor 11:10 For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

1Cor 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Eph 1:22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

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Col 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Col 2:10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

Col 2:19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

κεφαλὴ & γυνή - 2x in NT - here and 1Cor 11:3 - *head and women*

for context: 1Corinthians 11:3-16 θέλω δὲ ὑμᾶς εἰδέναι ὅτι παντὸς ἀνδρὸς ἡ κεφαλὴ ὁ Χριστός ἐστιν, κεφαλὴ δὲ γυναικὸς ὁ ἀνὴρ, κεφαλὴ δὲ τοῦ Χριστοῦ ὁ θεός. But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the husband is the head of his wife, and God is the head of Christ.

4 πᾶς ἀνὴρ προσευχόμενος ἢ προφητεύων κατὰ κεφαλῆς ἔχων καταισχύνει τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ.

5 πᾶσα δὲ γυνὴ προσευχομένη ἢ προφητεύουσα ἀκατακαλύπτω τῇ κεφαλῇ καταισχύνει τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτῆς· ἐν γὰρ ἐστὶν καὶ τὸ αὐτὸ τῇ ἐξυρμημένῃ. but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled disgraces her head--it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved.

6 εἰ γὰρ οὐ κατακαλύπτεται γυνὴ, καὶ κειράσθω· εἰ δὲ αἰσχρὸν γυναικὶ τὸ κείρασθαι ἢ ξυρᾶσθαι, κατακαλύπτέσθω. For if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or to be shaved, she should wear a veil.

7 ἀνὴρ μὲν γὰρ οὐκ ὀφείλει κατακαλύπτεσθαι τὴν κεφαλὴν εἰκὼν καὶ δόξα θεοῦ ὑπάρχων· ἡ γυνὴ δὲ δόξα ἀνδρὸς ἐστὶν.

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8 οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶν ἀνὴρ ἐκ γυναικὸς ἀλλὰ γυνὴ ἐξ ἀνδρὸς·

9 καὶ γὰρ οὐκ ἐκτίσθη ἀνὴρ διὰ τὴν γυναῖκα, ἀλλὰ γυνὴ διὰ τὸν ἄνδρα. Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man.

10 διὰ τοῦτο ὀφείλει ἡ γυνὴ ἐξουσίαν ἔχειν ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς διὰ τοὺς ἀγγέλους. For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

11 πλὴν οὔτε γυνὴ χωρὶς ἀνδρὸς οὔτε ἀνὴρ χωρὶς γυναικὸς ἐν κυρίῳ·

12 ὡσπερ γὰρ ἡ γυνὴ ἐκ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς, οὕτως καὶ ὁ ἀνὴρ διὰ τῆς γυναικὸς· τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ.

13 ἐν ὑμῖν αὐτοῖς κρίνατε· πρέπον ἐστὶν γυναῖκα ἀκατακάλυπτον τῷ θεῷ προσεύχεσθαι; Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head unveiled?

14 οὐδὲ ἡ φύσις αὐτῆ διδάσκει ὑμᾶς ὅτι ἀνὴρ μὲν ἐὰν κομᾶ ἀτιμία αὐτῷ ἐστὶν,

15 γυνὴ δὲ ἐὰν κομᾶ δόξα αὐτῇ ἐστὶν; ὅτι ἡ κόμη ἀντὶ περιβολαίου δέδοται [αὐτῇ]. but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

16 εἰ δὲ τις δοκεῖ φιλονεικὸς εἶναι, ἡμεῖς τοιαύτην συνήθειαν οὐκ ἔχομεν οὐδὲ αἱ ἐκκλησίαι τοῦ θεοῦ.

ὑποτασσόμενοι ἰδίῳι ἀνδράσιν - 4x in NT - *be subject to your own husband*

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24 ἀλλὰ ὡς ἡ ἐκκλησία ὑποτάσσεται τῷ Χριστῷ, οὕτως καὶ αἱ γυναῖκες τοῖς ἀνδράσιν ἐν παντί.

Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

ὑποτάσσεται - present passive indicative 3x in Paul - *to place or arrange under, Pass. to be obedient, -*

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1 Timothy 2:11-14

2:11 γυνὴ ἐν ἡσυχίᾳ μαθησθήτω ἐν πάσῃ ὑποταγῇ·

Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness.

ὑποταγή - see Ephesians 5:21 above ὑποτασσόμενοι

1Tim 2:12 διδάσκειν δὲ γυναικὶ οὐκ ἐπιτρέπω οὐδὲ ἀυθεντεῖν ἀνδρὸς, ἀλλ' εἶναι ἐν ἡσυχίᾳ. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent.

ἀυθεντεῖν - NT Hapax, no LXX - *to control in a domineering manner -to have full power over -*

ἐπιτρέπω - 18x in NT - *permit*

Matt 8:21 Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

Matt 19:8 He said to them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

Mark 5:13 So he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

Mark 10:4 They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away."

Luke 8:32 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave.

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Luke 9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

Luke 9:61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

John 19:38 After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body.

Acts 21:39 Paul replied, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; I beg you, let me speak to the people."

Acts 21:40 And when he had given him leave, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people; and when there was a great hush, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying:

Acts 26:1 Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

Acts 27:3 The next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for.

Acts 28:16 And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier that guarded him.

1Cor 14:34 the women should keep silence in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as even the law says.

1Cor 16:7 For I do not want to see you now just in passing; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.

1Tim 2:12 I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent.

Heb 6:3 And this we will do if God permits.

ἡσυχία. - 4x in NT - *to maintain a state of silence, with a possible focus upon the attitude involved - to live in a quiet, peaceful, mild manner - a state of undisturbed quietness and calm -*

Acts 22:2 And when they heard that he addressed them in the Hebrew language, they were the more quiet. And he said:

2Thess 3:12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work in quietness and to earn their own living.

1Tim 2:11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness.

1Tim 2:12 I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent.

1Tim 2:13 Ἀδὰμ γὰρ πρῶτος ἐπλάσθη, εἶτα Εὐα.

For Adam was formed first, then Eve;

1Tim 2:14 καὶ Ἀδὰμ οὐκ ἠπατήθη, ἡ δὲ γυνὴ ἐξαπατηθεῖσα ἐν παραβάσει γέγονεν·
and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

1 Corinthians 14:33-35

14:33 οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶν ἀκαταστασίας ὁ θεὸς ἀλλὰ εἰρήνης. Ὡς ἐν πάσαις ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις τῶν ἁγίων

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

14:34 αἱ γυναῖκες ἐν ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις σιγάτωσαν· οὐ γὰρ ἐπιτρέπεται αὐταῖς λαλεῖν, ἀλλὰ ὑποτασέσθωσαν, καθὼς καὶ ὁ νόμος λέγει.

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ἐπιτρέπεται - see 1 Tim 2:12 above

ὑποτασέσθωσαν - see Ephesians 5:21 above

σιγάτωσαν - 10x in NT - *to be silent or still, to keep silence*

Luke 9:36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Luke 18:39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Luke 20:26 And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him by what he said; but marveling at his answer they were silent.

Acts 12:17 But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell this to James and to the brethren." Then he departed and went to another place.

Acts 15:12 And all the assembly kept silence; and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Acts 15:13 After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brethren, listen to me.

Romans 16:25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages

1Cor 14:28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silence in church and speak to himself and to God.

1Cor 14:30 If a revelation is made to another sitting by, let the first be silent.

1Cor 14:34 the women should keep silence in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as even the law says.

14:35 εἰ δέ τι μαθεῖν θέλουσιν, ἐν οἴκῳ τοὺς ἰδίους ἀνδρας ἐπερωτάτωσαν· αἰσχρὸν γάρ ἐστιν γυναικὶ λαλεῖν ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ.

If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.