

## THE CHURCH 23

### EPHESIANS 5:23

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

### EPHESIANS 5:24

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

### EPHESIANS 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

### I CORINTHIANS 11:3

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the \*HEAD of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

### HEAD: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2776

kephale {kef-al-ay'}

Since the loss of the head destroys life, this word is used in the phrases relating to capital and extreme punishment. Metaph. anything supreme, chief, prominent; of persons,

master lord: of a husband in relation to his wife; of Christ the lord of the husband and the Church; of things, the corner stone

### I CORINTHIANS 11:8

8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

### I CORINTHIANS 11:9

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

I PETER 3:1

1 Likewise, ye wives, be in \*SUBJECTION to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

SUBJECTION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5293  
5293 hupotasso {hoop-ot-as'-so} put under, be subject to, submit (one's) self unto, to arrange under, to subordinate; to yield to one's admonition or advice;

A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

I PETER 3:2

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

I PETER 3:3

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

JOHN GILL SAID:

of plaiting the hair; folding it up in curls, tying it up in knots, and putting it into the form of horns and towers, made by their cringing pins, with their cauls and round tires, like the moon, as was the custom of those times, and still is.

"The women in the eastern countries," says Dr. Shaw, (Travels, p. 294,) "affect to have their hair hang down to the ground, which they collect into one lock, upon the hinder part of the head, binding and plaiting it about with ribbons.

Above this, or on the top of their heads, persons of better fashion wear flexible plates of gold or silver, variously cut through, and engraved in imitation of lace."

The allusion here is to the excessive care which then prevailed, and especially to their setting the heart on such ornaments rather than on the adorning which is internal.

Thin plates of gold were often mixed with the hair, to make it appear more ornamental by the reflection of light and of the solar rays. Small golden buckles were also used in different parts; and among the Roman ladies, pearls and precious stones of different colors.

There is a remarkable passage in Plutarch, *Conjugalia Praecept.* Plutarch was a first century scholar and philosopher.

"An ornament, as Crates said, is that which adorns. The proper ornament of a woman is that which becomes her best. This is neither gold, nor pearls, nor scarlet; but those things which are an evident proof of gravity, regularity, and modesty."

The wife of Phocion, a celebrated Athenian general, receiving a visit from a lady who was elegantly adorned with gold and jewels, and her hair with pearls, took occasion to call the attention of her guest to the elegance and costliness of her dress, remarking at the same time, "My ornament is my husband, now for the twentieth year general of the Athenians."

Hair was braided in elaborate manners, and well-to-do women strove to keep up with the latest expensive fashions. The gaudy adornments of women of wealth, meant to draw attention to themselves,

Vincent's Word Studies in the New Testament SAYS:

The Roman women of the day were addicted to ridiculous extravagance in the adornment of the hair. Juvenal Satire, ridicules these customs. He says: "The attendants will vote on the dressing of the hair

as if a question of reputation or of life were at stake, so great is the trouble she takes in quest of beauty; with so many tiers does she load, with so many continuous stories does she build up on high her head. She is tall in front; behind she is shorter.

You would think her another person." The hair was dyed, and secured with costly pins and with nets of gold thread. False hair and blond wigs were worn.

I PETER 3:3

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

I TIMOTHY 2:9

9 In like manner also, that women \*ADORN themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

ADORN: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2885

kosmeo {kos-meh'-o}

garnish, to put in order, arrange, make ready, metaph. to embellish with honour, gain honour

"Nero even had a room with walls covered with pearls; and Pliny saw Lollia Paulina, wife of Caligula, wearing a dress so covered with pearls and emeralds that it cost more than a million dollars."

I TIMOTHY 2:10

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness ) with good works.

I PETER 3:4

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

I PETER 3:5

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, \*ADORNED themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

ADORNED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2885

kosmeo {kos-meh'-o}

garnish, Trim, to put in order, arrange, make ready, prepare, metaph. to embellish with honour, gain honour

Roman women were captivated by the latest fashions of the day, and competed with each other in dress and hairdos. It was not unusual for the women to have elaborate hair dos, studded with gold and silver combs and even jewels. They wore elaborate and expensive garments, all for the purpose of impressing each other.

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1102-188 And of course, I know women wants to look pretty; that's nature; and that--that's what they should be. See? They should be that way. And so, that's fine, but just don't--don't; otherwise like this,

don't look like the world (See?); don't pattern after the world. Things wrong. . . You want it cut off, like that, but don't cut your hair now. If you got the braids hanging down,

or--or whatever it is in your hair, you leave it long. Don't cut it like it's going to look like the world. If you're just them little girls. . .

THIRST\_ TUCSON. AZ V-16 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 65-0919

75 We find many women, in these days, thirst for beauty. Now there isn't a woman. . . It's a natural thing for a woman to thirst to be pretty. That's--that's her God-given instinct and-

-and her beauty that God give her for her mate. And now we find out that women want to be that way. Why is it? It's just because it's something God gave her. And it's not wrong for women to be pretty. They should be.

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QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 2\_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY\_ 64-0823E

1007-Q-283 283. Brother Branham: Questions: Should a Christian woman wear simple jewelry, as necklaces or pearls? Well, sister, I know this means a lot to you,

and it means a lot for me for you to place your confidence I'd tell you the truth. Now remember, the Bible said, "When you adorn, do not adorn with--with costly jewels, and pearls, and all kinds of wearing of jewelry, but let that be the adorning of a peace,

and quiet, and meek spirit (which I just quoted), which is a great price before the Lord."

Now, I don't mean by that, sister, that if you had a pin. . . Now, this is me, not the Lord. If you had a pin that you wanted to wear, or a little necklace your husband give you,

or maybe your--something like that that you wore, now, to me, I don't think that's bad. Now, that's just me. Now remember, I make myself clear; that's my opinion. But I think it's the approach to it; it's the way you do it.

See? It's the motive behind it. And when you see it's getting ahold of you, then leave the thing alone.....

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1009-71..... But I think as far as a necklace, or. . . Now, if you go to loading yourself up like you went through the ten cent store down here with a magnet on you, I--I think that. . . Excuse that, I didn't mean to say that like that, but that--that's wrong.