

Oxford Baptist Church – October 6, 2019, Pastor Robin W. Pifer
Ephesian Series: Transformed for Christ's Glory Scripture:
Ephesians 5:21; Phil 2:3-5 “Spiritual Empowered Servers”
Ephesians 5:21 “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

“When we are “filled with the Holy Spirit,” we are submitted to Jesus Christ and one another.”

Submission comes after salvation because we can't submit to the Lord or others without the Strength of the Holy Spirit.

What does submission mean scripturally?

Submission - a military term meaning to arrange or rank under someone. Spirit-filled Christians rank themselves under one another. Phil 2:3-5

Main idea = that of relinquishing one's rights to one another, arranging things in an orderly manner for the common good. Yielding, conforming to Christ's standard, merging to avoid a mishap. Respect not being a doormat. Interdependence not independence or co-dependence.

- **Submission is a mutual partnership with the recognition and reverence that Jesus Christ is in control.**
 - Aquila and Priscilla
- **Submission is being dominated by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, not trying to control or manipulate one another.**
 - Serving One Another
- **Submission is dependant on us being filled with the Holy Spirit.**
 - Learn to submit to Christ-like the apostles. Feeding five thousand (Matt 14:13-21). Peter walking on water (Matt 14:22-33)

- **Submission means being under the authority of Christ, Godly church leaders, civil authorities, and family.**
 - Hebrews 13:17; 1Cor 11:1; Romans 13:1-7
- **Submission to Jesus Christ means He does more than all we ask or imagine. Eph 3:20**
 - Freedom, Responsibility, and Blessing.
 - Where do you have little faith? Where do you need to submit to Jesus Christ?

Life Group Questions

1. Take time as a group to reread Ephesians 5:1-21. What is the sequence we have been learning to live the Spirit-filled life?
2. What does submission mean? Discuss the meaning and how it is distorted in our culture and even among Christians.
3. Why is submission such an essential part of having a healthy society, church, and family? Give some examples.
4. Why do we need to learn submission in our Christian life?
5. How did Jesus teach submission to the apostles? Study the examples and some other ways they learned to be under the authority of Jesus Christ.
6. How is the Spirit-filled life connected to being under the control of Jesus Christ?
7. In what ways did this connection empower the early followers of Christ?
8. What are the results of being submitted to Jesus Christ?

