



# Seeing What We believe

1 Jn. 5:13, Isa. 26:3



1 Jn. 5:13 **These things have I written unto you** that believe on the name of the Son of God; that **ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.



# **MOUNTAIN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH BYLAWS**

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(O) Civil Government.  
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Why go over the constitution and by-laws? Very simply,  
everyone needs to...

## KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

2 Tim. 1:12 "...for **I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Rom. 14:5b "...Let every man be **fully persuaded in his own mind.**"



Please remember that the topics we are covering on a Wednesday evening are brief summaries of a specific doctrine. We are only covering the main points, not going into minute details.

Last week we began looking at the subject of “Family Relationships:”



## (Q) Family Relationships

(1) We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5, 12)

Previously, we considered God's creation of government under three perspectives: the home, the church, and the state. Tonight, we will continue to focus on the home from the perspective of "Family Relationships."



- Our Constitution and By-Laws begins this statement of faith with the following: “We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God...”

Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Having equality compliments differing roles of responsibility – example: the Godhead.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are co-equal, yet, have differing roles of responsibility.



## The Roles Regarding Leadership in the Home

Col. 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands,  
**as it is fit in the Lord.**

- Though co-equal in standing before God, the leadership in the home rests primarily upon the husband.
- A godly attitude is to accept the co-equality, as well as the differences of authority between men and women.

## The Roles Regarding Leadership in the Home in Preparation for the Ministry

- Developing leadership within a home is a training ground for pastors.



1 Tim. 3:4 **One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;**

5 (For if **a man know not how to rule his own house**, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ...

12 Let the deacons be **the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.**

- To “rule” is the epitome of leadership:
- A husband, and later a pastor, needs to take the initiative to be a leader, first by living a godly example, and, secondly, accepting the responsibility to lead others.



- The lessons learned will be to lead those of different ages, personalities, individual needs within a unit of others, as well as the emotional challenges of changes encountered with a wife.
- The balances needed to lead a home are similar to the balances needed to lead a church as both home and church are a perpetual change of challenges.



Tonight, we continue with part 2:

## The Roles Regarding Relationship

(2) We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. The wife is to submit herself to the Scriptural leadership of her husband as the church submits to the headship of Christ. Children are an heritage from the Lord. Parents are responsible for teaching their children spiritual and moral values through consistent lifestyle example and appropriate discipline, including Scriptural corporal correction. (Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:12; Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mk. 10:6-12; 1 Cor. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4, Col. 3:18-21; Heb. 13:4; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)



## The Role of Husband and Wife as Mates

- The Creator, at creation, established the “home” set the criteria for it.

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female created he them.**

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**



## 1. Worship the Creator.

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

5 And thou shalt **love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.**

- A family is a unique support system to encourage each other to live for God's glory.

## 2. Husbands and wives cleave to each other.



Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall **a man leave his father and his mother**, and **shall cleave unto his wife**: and they shall be one flesh.

Mt. 19:5 And said, For this cause shall **a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife**: and they twain shall be one flesh?

- The unity of matrimony is a oneness of companionship, with mutual joy and peace that will prevail throughout life's perpetual challenges.



### 3. Build your families.

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

5 And thou shalt **love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall **be in thine heart:**

7 And thou shalt **teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.



- Parental responsibilities begin with loving the Lord, then teaching the children.
- Children have responsibilities in relationship:

Ex. 20:12 **Honour thy father and thy mother**: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Eph. 6:1 Children, **obey your parents in the Lord**: for this is right.

Col. 3:20 Children, **obey your parents in all things**: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.



## The Practice of Training Children

- In order for children to have responsibilities in relationship, parents must teach them.

Prov. 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go:** and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**Original Word:** חָנַךְ

**Transliteration:** chanak

**Phonetic Spelling:** (khaw-nak')

**Definition:** to train up, dedicate

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/2596.htm>



- Training includes discipline as part of the dedication:

Prov. 19:18 **Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.**

Prov. 22:15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* **the rod of correction** shall drive it far from him.

Prov. 23:13 **Withhold not correction from the child:** for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.



## The Purpose for Corporeal Punishment [kawr--**pohr**--ee-uhl]

- We are all sinners and need to be corrected.

Prov. 3:11 **My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:**

12 For **whom the LORD loveth he correcteth**; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Heb. 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, **My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:**

6 For **whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?



8 But **if ye be without chastisement**, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; **but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.**

11 **Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby.

- Proper correction will produce the peaceable fruit of righteousness.



#### 4. Establish your ministries.

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, **for the work of the ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

- Establishing a marriage includes establishing a home and a ministry.



## 5. Dominate creation – build your careers.

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and **let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**

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- Mankind was created with the inherit qualities of dominion over the earth.
- Individual components of life must be kept in accordance of the priorities given by God:
  1. God first
  2. Mate second
  3. Children third
  4. Ministry fourth
  5. Career fifth



## Conclusion

- The ultimate goal in establishing and building a family is found in Eph. 3:14-21

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole **family** in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;



19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.