

Colossians 3:18 –4:1

Series: Colossians: Maturing as a Jesus-Follower
“Christ in Our Earthly Relationships”

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How do theologians often categorized Old Testament laws?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

How are Biblical passages on marriage still applicable to someone who isn't married?

How Are We to Discern Biblical Laws?

1) Remember, this Is an HISTORICAL Document.

- We are reading somebody else's _____.

- We must first make sense of it in *their* world before we can make sense of it in our own.

What was the *Paterfamilia*?

“If the home is to be a means of grace it must be a place of *rules* . . .
. The alternative to rule is not freedom but the unconstitutional
(and often unconscious) tyranny of the most selfish member.”
(C.S. Lewis, “The Sermon and the Lunch,” 237)

What was Paul *affirming* in Greco-Roman culture?

“In the choice between revolution and transformation from within, Christianity chose the second.” (James Dunn, NIGTC, 246)

In what ways was Paul *challenging* culture (v. 19)?

2) Test It Against the Rest of Scripture

What does the bigger context say?

- e.g. Colossians 3:11

What does the rest of Scripture say?

- about *submission* (Ephesians 5:21, Philip. 2:3-4)

- about *marriage* (Genesis 2:24)

- about *gender* (Galatians 3:26-28)

- about seeing all of life through the *cross*

3) Apply with Great Wisdom & Help from the Holy Spirit

What is Paul really saying when he adds, “as is fitting in the Lord”?