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1. God's First Institution



"And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Genesis 2:18



"And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

Matthew 19:4-5



1. God's First Institution

- A- Scholars have classified in various ways institutes God established
- B While some of these lists vary, most would agree that they include family, civil government and then the church
- C The first institute was family



- 1. God's First Institution
- 2. The Institution of the Church

2. The Institution of the Church



"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18



- 2- The Institution of the Church
- Later Peter himself acknowledged Jesus as the chief cornerstone (rock) of the Church.

2. The Institution of the Church



"But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!"

Matthew 12:48-49



- Those born again are the family of God now
- -But this not dismissing the first institute- the earthly family
- -This is, however, showing the superiority and supremacy off the eternal family the family of God



-But in the NT, there are many passages given on the earthly family and how we are to conduct ourselves



- 1. God's First Institution
- 2. The Institution of the Church
- 3. Our Call to Ministry



- 1. Our Call to Ministry
- A- To the World



"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

Matthew 28:19



- 1. Our Call to Ministry
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- 1. Our Call to Ministry
- A- To the World
- B- To the Church
- C- To the Family



"One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?)"



3. Our Call to Ministry

How are you to minister to the home, and then outside?

a. By Word



"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. "



3. Our Call to Ministry

How are you to minister to the home, and then outside?

- a. By Word
- b. By Deed



"Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."