

LIVING A LIFE OF FORGIVENESS Pt. 2

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(1 Pet. 4:8)



Hausvater

Hausvater – the spiritual head of the household

Haustafel

Haustafel – “table of duties”



The Small Catechism (1529)

As the head of the household (**hausvater**) should teach Christian doctrine to the entire family...

TABLE OF DUTIES (Haustafel)

Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions,
admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

Of Civil Government

Of Citizens

To Husbands

1 Peter 3:7

Col. 3:19

To Wives

Eph. 5:22

1 Peter 3:5–6

To Parents

Eph. 6:4

To Children

Eph. 6:1–3

To Workers of All Kinds

Eph. 6:5–8

To Employers and Supervisors

Eph. 6:9

To Youth

1 Peter 5:5–6

To Widows

To Everyone



Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well shall fare.

Ephesians

“submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21, ESV)

NOTE: Submitting is better translated as “being subordinate”

Thus, as baptized believers we are to be subordinate to one another in the body of Christ.

We are to take our place in the order established by God.

The head is an instrument of blessing for the body.

God’s order is a gift from which blessings flow.

The Three Estates Established by God’s Word

1. Church
2. Home
3. Government

Luther Rejects the Manmade Monastic Orders

1. Vow of Obedience
2. Vow of Chastity
3. Vow of Poverty

Luther brings proper order with Small Catechism

TABLE OF DUTIES (Haustafel)- The household becomes a “true monastery”

The Connection between the Church and the Home



The home is like a “little church.”

The Christ is the head/husband, that is, the superordinate.

The Church is the body/bride, that is, the subordinate

Not about the power of a person, but the authority of an office.

The Superordinate takes care of the subordinate.



Who is the figure of Christ giving gifts and who is the figure of the church receiving gifts?

Preachers and Hears-----Husband and Wife -----Parents and Children

NOTE: There is a chain through which forgiveness is given and forgiveness is received.

Ephesians

The Blood of Christ

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,” (Ephesians 1:7, ESV)

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:13–14, ESV)

Christ and the Church

“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:22–23, ESV)

“Now as the church **is subordinate** to Christ, so also wives should **be subordinate** in everything to their husbands.” (Ephesians 5:24)

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..” (Ephesians 5:25, ESV)

“This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.” (Ephesians 5:32, ESV)

Baptism

“... that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:26–27, ESV)

Praying

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,” (Ephesians 6:18, ESV)

Singing

“addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,” (Ephesians 5:19, ESV)

“to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22–24, ESV)

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,” (Ephesians 4:26, ESV)

“and give no opportunity to the devil.” (Ephesians 4:27, ESV)

NOTE: The devil brings disorder through sin.

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. (Ephesians 4:31, ESV)

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NOTE: The giving and receiving of the forgiveness of sin!

NOTE: There is a direct connection between forgiving and loving one another!

“**being subordinate** to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21)

NOTE: God brings order through the forgiveness of sins.

“Wives, **be subordinate** to your own husbands, as to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:22)

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,” (Ephesians 5:25, ESV)

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4, ESV)

“Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.” (Ephesians 6:5–8, ESV)

“Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.” (Ephesians 6:9, ESV)

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:11, ESV)

Colossians

The Blood of Christ

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” (Colossians 1:19–20, ESV)

Christ and the Church

“And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.” (Colossians 1:18, ESV)

Baptism

“In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.” (Colossians 2:11–12, ESV)

Praying

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 4:2, ESV)

Singing

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16, ESV)

“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices” (Colossians 3:5–9, ESV)

“and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.” (Colossians 3:10, ESV)

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, “bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, (Colossians 3:12-13, ESV)

“...forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these be clothed with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

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“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” (Colossians 3:15, ESV)

“Wives, **be subordinate** to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.” (Colossians 3:18)

“Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.” (Colossians 3:19, ESV)

“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.” (Colossians 3:20–21, ESV)

“Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:22–24, ESV)

“Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.” (Colossians 4:1, ESV)

1 Peter

The Blood of Christ



“according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.” (1 Peter 1:2, ESV)

“knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” (1 Peter 1:18–19, ESV)

Christ and the Church

“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:4–5, ESV)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9, ESV)

Baptism

“Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” (1 Peter 3:21, ESV)

Praying

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (1 Peter 3:12, ESV)

“The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.” (1 Peter 4:7, ESV)

“**Be subordinate** for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.” (1 Peter 2:13–17)

“Servants, **be subordinate** to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.” (1 Peter 2:18)

“Likewise, wives, **be subordinate** to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.” (1 Peter 3:1–2)

“Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.” (1 Peter 3:7, ESV)

“Above all, continue to eagerly love one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.”
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“Likewise, you who are younger, **be subordinate** to the elders.” (1 Peter 5:5)

“Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”” (1 Peter 5:5, ESV)

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.” (1 Peter 5:8–9, ESV)