

# Sunday, November 21, "The Gospel and Relationships"

## Colossians 3:18-4:6 – NASB

### Family Relations

<sup>18</sup> Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and do not become bitter against them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing <sup>[a]</sup>to the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not antagonize your children, so that they will not become discouraged.

<sup>22</sup> Slaves, obey those who are your human masters in everything, not with eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, <sup>24</sup> knowing that *it is* from the Lord *that* you will receive the reward <sup>[a]</sup>of the inheritance. *It is* the Lord Christ *whom* you serve. <sup>25</sup> For the one who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

<sup>4</sup> Masters, grant your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*; <sup>3</sup> praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear in the way that I ought to proclaim *it*.

<sup>5</sup> Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Your speech *must always be* with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.