

Agape Life Bible Study

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Hunger for Holiness

LIVING PURE IN AN IMPURE WORLD

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

Lesson 6

Holy Homelife

1 Peter 3:1-7



February 23, 2025



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



Holy Homelife – 1 Peter 3:1-7

Just a Wee Bit of Background

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Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

Colossians 3:18-19

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Titus 2:3-5



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New Testament Instructions for Husbands and Wives

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 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 5:22-27



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Just a Wee Bit of Background **Homelife in First Century Roman Empire**



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The husband was in charge.

Paterfamilias

**Latin for "father of the family"
or the
"owner of the family estate"**



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Just a Wee Bit of Background **Homelife in First Century Roman Empire**

The wife was the domestic manager.

Also responsible for:

Raising Children &

Supporting her husband

(especially in societal and political endeavors)



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Just a Wee Bit of Background **Homelife in First Century Roman Empire**

**The same rolls were seen in both
Roman and Jewish households,
with at least one significant
distinction between the two . . .**



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Just a Wee Bit of Background **Homelife in First Century Roman Empire**

**The wife in the Roman household
was to be beautiful.**

Beautiful wives were considered a status symbol for first-century Roman paterfamilias and could enhance a man's social standing as it reflect his wealth and influence.

Beauty was associated with virtue and moral excellence, which were highly valued traits in Roman culture.



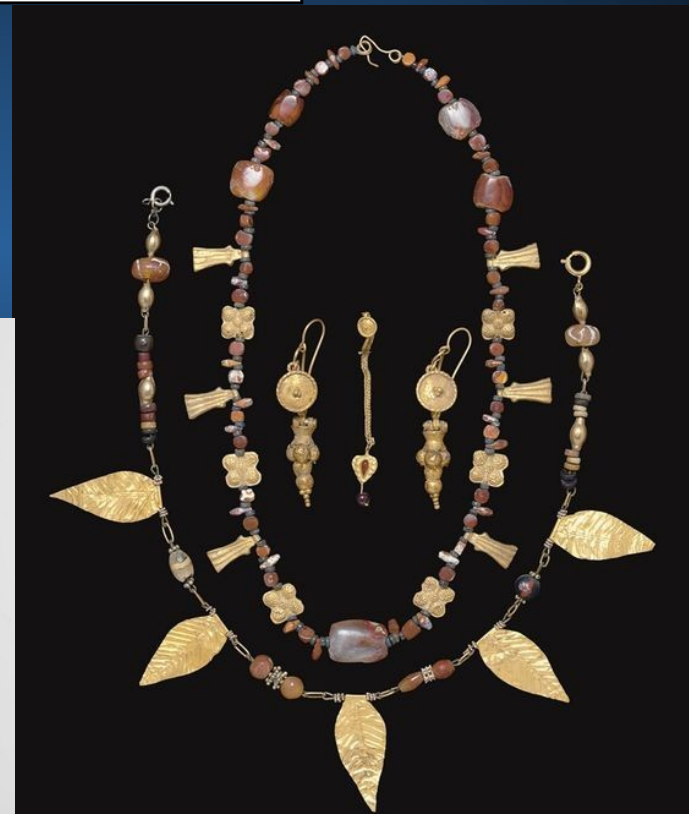
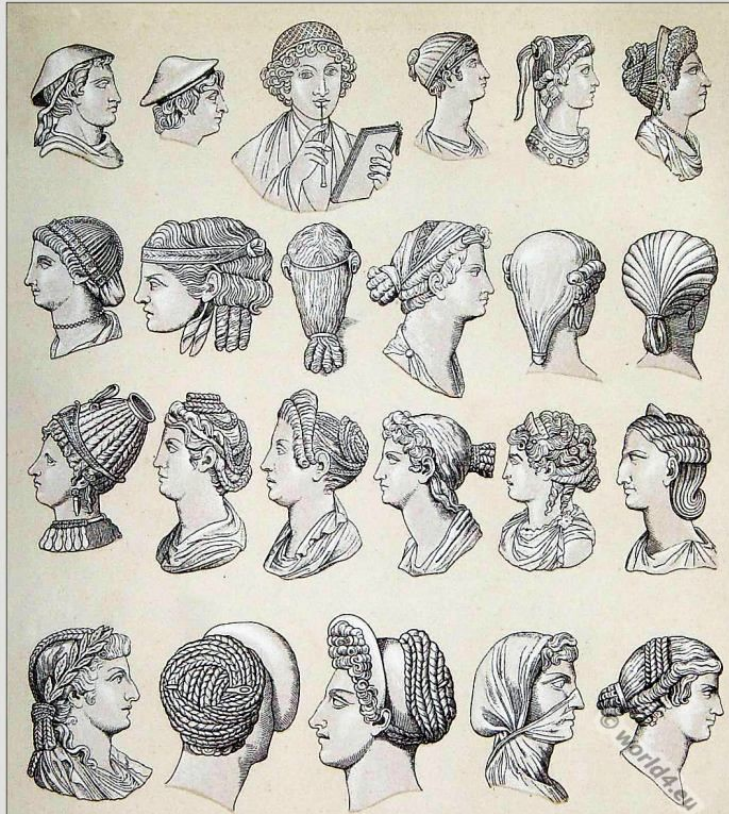
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A Word to the Wives
1 Peter 3:1-6



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A Word to the Husbands

(and by “a word” we mean 1 verse)

1 Peter 3:7



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Husbands – when you are with your male friends, how do you talk about your wife?

Wives – when you are with your female friends, how do you talk about your husband?



Holy Homelife – 1 Peter 3:1-7

Husbands & Wives – When you are with a group of friends, including your spouse, how do you talk about your spouse in front of these other people?





A Final Thought



It's all about holiness – being set apart.

OBEDIENT CHILDREN – do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your conduct; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”



1 Peter 1:14–16





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A CHOSEN FAMILY – You are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;



1 Peter 2:9





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CITIZENS – Be subject for the sake of the Lord to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do good. For such is the will of God that by doing good you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.



1 Peter 2:13-15





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EMPLOYEES – You are to be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are crooked. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unrighteously.



1 Peter 2:18-19





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WIVES – Show proper honor to your husbands. Don't put undue emphasis on outward beauty, but let your Godly, inward beauty be seen in all you do and say.

HUSBANDS – Be understanding and loving toward your wives. Honor them as equal heirs with you in God's grace.



1 Peter 3:1-7





A Closing Prayer



Dear Heavenly Father,

**I want to be holy even as You are holy.
I want to live my life in such a way that everyone I meet will see
that I am different because of You.**

**Develop within me a servant's heart.
In all of my relationships,
both in the home and in the world at large,
I want to honor the people around me and honor You
by loving them even as You have loved me.**

I ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.



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Next Week

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Hope When Life Is Unfair
1 Peter 3:8-17



March 2, 2025

