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Chapter

The Order in the Church

1 Peter 5:1–6, Romans 16:1–16

Today's Lesson:



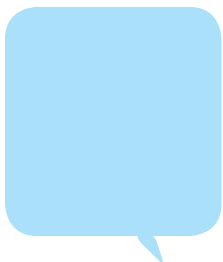
1. To understand the order in the church that has been established by God.
2. To understand that our obedience to the order established by God is expressed through proper greetings.

Open Your Heart

These are the people you meet in the Church on Sunday. Write down how you have been greeting them.



The scary
Father's Group
brother.



The teacher
from another
small group



The brother from
elementary school



The Mother's
Group sister who
serves lunch



The elderly
sister who you
do not know
well





Understanding Today's Lesson

The Bible tells us that God is not the author of confusion, but of order. It also says there will be peace when we are obedient to the order that God has created.

When observing the universe which God has created, anyone can find out that the universe is moving according to an established set of precise rules and laws. Also, God has prepared the blackness of darkness for the wandering stars which often violate the order established in the universe. Through these things, we can see that God values the idea of order very precious, and when order is violated, it causes great problems. God has created the family in the same way. There are grandparents, parents, and siblings in the family, and everyone has a position and responsibility. Through this, God teaches us that order exists in this world as well, and when everyone is subject to his or her position, peace will be sustained. There is an order in school, society, and the nation, and Christians should be obedient to the established order more than anyone else.

Also, God has established an order in the church. When everyone knows his or her position and obeys in humility, God provides them grace and power so that they can be used for His work. Moreover, those who know of the established order and are obedient to it must express it outwardly.

Moreover, people must show their obedience and knowledge of the order through their manners. This is etiquette. Therefore, it can be said that maintaining proper manners is a testimony of our submission towards the order established by God.

Notes:



Memorizing Bible Verses

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

(1 Peter 5:5)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(1 Corinthians 11:2–12)

(Numbers 16:1–3, 28–35)

(Psalms 131:1–3)

2. Read Judges 9:8–15 and write down the differences between the olive tree, the fig tree, and the vine from the bramble.

a. The olive tree, the fig tree, the vine

b. The Bramble



Changing

Directions

1. What position do youth group brothers and sisters hold in the church? Why is it important to be content and obedient in that position in your faith life?

2. Many people appear in the book of Romans 16, and it is written that we should greet these people repeatedly. What is the correlation between knowing the established order and greeting others properly?

3. Let's compare how I greet people with how I ought to greet people. Also, let's apply the proper way to greet people in the church.



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

To Live According to the Word

Let us pray that we will be able to be more careful and polite for the benefit of the saints and the glory of the Lord when we gather in the church.



Our Story

The Day He Saved Me

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There was a day when I received the Word and was saved. Even though I was saved, I still did not know how great the love that I received was. However, I felt that the heavy burden that was always pressing me was gone.

When I felt this heavy burden being lifted off my shoulders, I began to feel puzzled and confused. I didn't know what I was supposed to do next.

However, as time passes by, I have been feeling more and more of the love of God that provides for me. I am able to live my life because of the grace upon grace that He provides endlessly.

Thank you, Lord.

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Common Sense and Order

There is a place called Mondain on the border of Italy and France. It is remembered as a place of tragedy for many people.

During World War II, about 1,200 French soldiers were on the train to go back to their homes for Christmas Vacation. There were so many soldiers on the train that it was difficult to even walk around. The soldiers were very excited to go back home, so they screamed,

"Let's go quickly!"

However, the train driver did not start driving and said, "There are steep downhills and curves on the way, and if we go with this many people on the train, we will get into a big accident."

One of the officers on the train came up to the driver and threatened him, saying, "If you do not start driving right away, then I will shoot you."

The officer thought that the driver was looking down at the soldiers who fought for their country. The train driver had no choice but to start driving. As the train driver warned ahead of time, the steep downhills appeared. The train tried to slow down, but ended up going faster because of the overload of people on the train. In the end, the train could not make the curve but left the railroad. As a result, many soldiers died from the accident. The soldiers who survived the war of the bullets lost their lives because of one ignorant officer who ignored common sense and the rules.

Today, many people are living their lives breaking and destroying the order established by God. They are ignoring the Word and running off the path that has been set by the Almighty God. They will face tragedy when they face the steep curve in their lives because they will not be able to make the turn.





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