House Rules #2 Jesus Is Lord at Home Ephesians 5: 15-6:4

**Intro:** “***Mother May I***?”

* Take Five Giants Steps; three bunny hops; 12 baby steps..
* *Yes you may or… No you may not, but you may take* ….
* “What was the Point of that game?!”
* You “Win” by learning Obedience.

**t/s** – Simple message from a Text often made overly complicated.

 A Truth about Obedience.

**Obey Jesus at Home** (in family relationships)

Other Motives: Pride and Desire for Peace

 Love, Responsibility, Loyalty…

Simple Obedience --- Obey Jesus in our Family Relationships.

**Ephesians 5: 15- 6:4**

Review: The Secret, Mystery, ***Christian Marriage echoes the Gospel***. The Good News of Jesus and Marriage explain one another.

 Purpose of Marriage is to make the Gospel more believable.

**READ** and notice the dominance of Imperative verbs… Call to Obey.

**Jesus is Lord at Home.**

**ILL** – Larry Hurtado is a well-respected academic,

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**Destroyer of gods**, *Early Christian distinctiveness in the Roman world.*

2016 – Christianity counter-cultural in theology and morality

Distinctive = Household Codes.

Jesus changed Family Relationships! (under His Rule)

***Why We Obey Jesus at Home.*** (3 Confessions)

**I Am Not Clever Enough to Manage My Family.**

Exp **– Vs. 15-17** - Wisdom knows and does the will of the Lord.

 Unwise is to dismiss, ignore, the Will of the Lord.

* If I do it My Way… Foolish Failure.

**ILL** – My dad used to say, “***You Know just enough to be dangerous***”

App – **Proverbs 1:7** --- Be Humble. Jesus Knows Best.

***The World is not a Safe Place for My Family***. (Evil)

Exp – **Vs. 15-17** – *Be careful* = circumspectly… looking all around.

 The days are evil, but you can buy them back with Obedience

* If you follow your ***Heart;*** go with the ***flow*** of culture; **EVIL**.

**Ill** – Julie and I walking in a major city in N. Africa… comfortable.

 I was ahead with young journeymen, she behind…

 … saw some people, crowd, police…maybe not safe…

More Aware; at her side, arm.

**App** – We are not living in a safe place for Families.

 ***We Must Walk With the Lord***.

**t/s** – Be Humble, Be Sober…. (Foolish Pride Disobeys…own way)

**Jesus Is Lord.**

**Exp** – The Right of Jesus to compel our Obedience is emphasized.

 ***In the Fear of Christ*** = Deferential Reverence.

 ***The Head of the Church*** = Position of Authority

 **Lord** – four times in 8 verses… our Lord Jesus Christ.

* Jesus Is Lord. – Great Christian Confession of Faith.
* He is God; He has Authority over us.

***Lord*** is **Theological**, Christological. (Who Jesus Is)

***Lord*** is very **Practical** --- Obedience, Submission to His Authority.

**Phil. 2: 8 – 11**

Jesus is Exalted as Lord… ***so that every Knee will Bow!***

 “**Lord**” is a call to Obedience,

…Glad Submission to our Rightful Sovereign!

**App** – **GOSPEL**… Jesus is Savior and Lord.

**ILL** – Seated in Banquet/Ballroom of National Cowboy Museum.

 Huge Murals by ***Wilson Hurley***… could view them all

 Except the one closest to me… to appreciate it I had to get some distance form it… move back across the room.

In the weeks to come we will dig into the details of the household code… never understand it if you do not step back and hear Paul say:

**Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, Lord, Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Most of you are glad to confess, “Jesus Is Lord.”

Why do you call Him Lord, Lord; but not do what He says at Home?