

Block Diagram of Haustafeln Ephesians 5:22-6:9

- πρὸς τὴν γυναικα αὐτοῦ,
καὶ
- (11) **εσονται οι δύο**
εἰς σάρκα μίαν.
- (12) ^{5:32} **τὸ μυστήριον τοῦτο μέγα ἐστίν·**
δὲ
- (13) **ἐγὼ λέγω**
εἰς Χριστὸν
Καὶ
εἰς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν.
- 5:33 πλὴν
καὶ
- (14) **ὑμεῖς... ἔκαστος τὴν ἑαυτοῦ γυναικα οὗτος ἀγαπάτω**
οἱ καθ' ἔνα,
δὲ
ώς ἑαυτόν,
- (15) **ἡ γυνὴ ἵνα φοβῆται τὸν ἄνδρα.**
- 6:1 **Τὰ τέκνα,**
- (16) **ὑπακούετε τοῖς γονεῦσιν ύμῶν**
ἐν κυρίῳ.
γάρ
- (17) **τοῦτο ἐστιν δίκαιον.**
- (18) ^{6:2} **τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα,**
ἥτις ἐστὶν ἐντολὴ πρώτη ἐν ἐπαγγελίᾳ,
- 6:3 ἵνα εὖ σοι γένηται
καὶ
ἔσῃ μακροχρόνιος
ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.
- 6:4 Καὶ
οἱ πατέρες,
- (19) **μὴ παροργίζετε τὰ τέκνα ύμῶν**
ἀλλὰ
- (20) **ἐκτρέφετε αὐτὰ**
ἐν παιδείᾳ
καὶ
νουθεσίᾳ κυρίου.
- 6:5 **Οἱ δοῦλοι,**
- (21) **ὑπακούετε τοῖς κατὰ σάρκα κυρίοις**
μετὰ φόβου
καὶ
τρόμου
ἐν ἀπλότητι τῆς καρδίας ύμῶν
ώς τῷ Χριστῷ,
μὴ κατ' ὄφθαλμοδουλίαν
ώς ἀνθρωπάρεσκοι
ἀλλ'
ώς δοῦλοι Χριστοῦ
ποιοῦντες τὸ θέλημα τοῦ θεοῦ
ἐκ ψυχῆς,
μετ' εὔνοίας
δουλεύοντες

Colossians 3:18-4:1

3:21 **Οι πατέρες,**
 (6) **μὴ ἐρεθίζετε τὰ τέκνα ὑμῶν,**
 ἴνα μὴ ἀθυμῶσιν.

3:22 **Οι δοῦλοι,**
 (7) **ὑπακούετε... τοῖς κατὰ σάρκα κυρίοις,**
 κατὰ πάντα
 μὴ ἐν ὄφθαλμοδουλίᾳ
 ώς ἀνθρωπάρεσκοι,
 ἀλλ'
 ἐν ἀπλότητι καρδίας
 φοβούμενοι τὸν κύριον.

(8) 3:23 Ὁ ἐὰν ποιῆτε, ἐκ ψυχῆς ἐργάζεσθε

3:24

ώς τῷ κυρίῳ
καὶ
οὐκ ἀνθρώποις,
εἰδότες
ἀπὸ κυρίου
ὅτι... ἀπολήμψεσθε τὴν ἀνταπόδοσιν τῆς κληρονομίας.

(9) *τῷ κυρίῳ Χριστῷ δουλεύετε.*

3:25 γάρ
οἱ ἀδικῶν

(10) *κομίσεται*
καὶ
οἱ ἡδίκησεν,

(11) *οὐκ ἔστιν προσωπολημψία.*

4:1 *Οἱ κύριοι,*

(12) *τὸ δίκαιον*
καὶ
τὴν ισότητα τοῖς δούλοις παρέχεσθε,
εἰδότες

ὅτι καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔχετε κύριον
ἐν οὐρανῷ.

¹Note the efforts of copyists to insert a verbal form here to make the statement clearer:

The reason for this is the ellipsis of the imperative verb for this admonition to wives. 5:21 contains the participle ὑποτασσόμενοι which sets up mutual submission and respect to members of the believing community, since it comes as the final modal participle of five defining what it means to be ‘filled with the Spirit’ (πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι) in the sentence in 5:18-21. Remember that no paragraph breaks existed in the original text; they flowed without even spacing between words. Thus this participle ὑποτασσόμενοι sets up the tone of mutual submissiveness and respect as a manifestation of the Spirit’s presence and fullness in the community of faith. This contextual meaning for the community of faith then establishes the tone next applied to the family units inside that community of faith. Thus, how we are to relate within the community of faith becomes a model for relationships within the believing family.

With the earlier Colossian description of the Haustafeln as a model, copyists then attempted to insert the verbal expression in verse 22 in order to make the syntax balanced and correct. The struggle over the first few centuries was exactly how to make this work right; thus a variety of textual variants:

ὑποτάσσεσθε [Pres - Dep - Imp (Com) - 2 - Pl] in D G K 181 326 614 629 630 1984 1985 Byz Lect I⁵⁵ it^{e,e,(g?)} syr^{p,h} Chrysostom [γυναῖκες becomes vocative];

ὑποτασσέσθωσαν [1 Aor - Dep - Imp (Perm) - 3 - Pl] in x A I P Ψ 33 88 104 330 436 451 1241 1739 1877 1881 1962 2127 2492 2495 it^{ar,c,dem,f,(g?),mon,x,z} vg syr^{pal} cop^{sa,bo} goth arm eth Clement^{1/2} Origen Ambrosiaster Victorinus-Rome Basil Jerome Euthalius Theodoret John-Damascus [γυναῖκες becomes nominative];

Omission of verbal expression in P⁴⁶ B Clement^{1/2} Origen Greek mss^{acc to Jerome} Jerome Theodore.