# HOPE and HOLINESS in a hostile world

## **STUDIES IN 1 PETER**

The Powerful Influence of a Loving Husband

1 Peter 3:7

Here's what v. 7 looks like if we translate it more precisely according to the word order in the Greek text ...

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, <u>as unto the</u> <u>weaker vessel</u>, <u>unto the wife</u> giving honour, <del>and</del> as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

#### **Two Commands**

- 1. "dwell ... according to knowledge"
- 2. "giving honour unto the wife"

#### Two "as" phrases

- 1. "as unto the weaker vessel"
- 2. "as being heirs together ... grace of life"

### **One Result**

1. "that your prayers be not hindered."

Two commands, each with a corresponding mindset ...

"Dwell with your wife according to knowledge, as unto the weaker vessel." "Honor your wife, as being heirs together of the grace of God." Leading to this result ... "that your prayers will not be hindered."

Here's how to really love your wife ...

 Dwell with your wife according to knowledge, appreciating her weakness.
A. Be considerate & sensitive.
B. Be chivalrous. Here's how to really love your wife ...

- 1. Dwell with your wife according to knowledge, appreciating her weakness.
- 2. Cherish your wife, as the one God gave you to share life with.
- 3. The richness of the relationship with your wife affects the richness of your relationship with God.