

THE SPIRIT OF SUBMISSION

“Rebellion is the sin of Witchcraft” 1 Samuel 15:23

Submission to genuine authority figures in the Body of Christ is the Biblical proof of my submission to God. As every Christian knows, submission to God’s Word is the proof of our submission directly to God in person. Those who disobey God’s Word are those who disobey God Himself! The Word is **visible** proof we are obeying the **invisible** God.

Christ’s new commandment ‘to love one another’ was given specifically for the purpose of providing **proof** that we are keeping the first commandment ‘to love God with all your heart, mind and soul’. The Pharisees heavy religious practices enabled them to claim that they were fulfilling the first commandment until Christ came and added **his condition of proof** ‘love for one another’. Love of others proves our love for God which is genuine, not pharisaical pretence. The apostle John made Christ’s commandment plain to the first church.

“If anyone says ‘I love God’ yet hates his brother, he is lying. If he cannot love his brother whom he can see, how can he love God whom he cannot see?

And this is the commandment we have from Him that whoever loves God **must prove it by loving his brother.**” – 1 John 4:20-21

Now that we understand the spiritual principle that obedience to the visible (the Word) is the proof of obedience to the invisible (God), and love of the visible (our brother) is the proof of our love for the invisible (God). It is easy to see that the Bible teaches that submission to the visible (genuine leaders) is the proof of our true submission to the invisible (God).



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