



Husbands and Wives

Ephesians 5:21-30

Key Word: Marriage



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21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.




➤ 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body.



Big idea: **There is a God designed order and distinct roles in the home that help the home to thrive and bring glory to God.**

Outline

1. The rationale for submission (v.23)
2. The nature of submission (v.24)
3. Sacrificial love (v.25)
4. Sanctifying love (v. 26,27)
5. Self-love (28-30)



➤ Philippians 2:5-8 - Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

➤ **A call to Spirit-filled mutual submission**



1. The Rationale for Submission (v.23)

- “For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.”
- **A call to servant-leadership**
- Mark 10:45 - 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- Luke 22:26 - ...let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.



2. The Nature of Submission (v.24)

Why? The husband is the head of the wife.

“Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.”

Galatians 3:28 – “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ.”

Equal in worth and dignity, but different in roles.

Have the disposition to yield in happy submission.

A right heart and a right attitude

Dependence upon the grace of God.

Key Point: The marital relationship is an exalted state, because it is a picture of Christ and his Church.



3. Sacrificial Love (v.25)

- “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”
- What does Christ-inspired love demand?
 - Death to self
 - Prayer
 - Attentiveness
 - Faithfulness



4. Sanctifying Love (vv. 26,27)

- “that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”



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- Sensitivity
- Courteous
- Communication

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