

God's Design for Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-24

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. For wives, this means submit your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

BEFORE SUBMISSION THERE IS SACRIFICE!

**SUBMISSION REQUIRES HUSBANDS TO SACRIFICALLY
LOVE THEIR WIVES FIRST!**

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Honor

Ephesians 5:23 *For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.*

Being the head of your wife means we **honor** our wives

**JESUS
CHRIST**

HUSBAND

WIFE

CHILDREN

Love One Another

Phileo: friendship that is caring, cherishing, bonding, committed

Storge: serving by doing, commitment to our families/friends

Epithtmia: physical, sexual desire, and passionate emotion(s)

Eros: romantic behavior that bonds two people together

***Agape*: unconditional caring, kindness and commitment**

Holiness

Ephesians 5:26 *...that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word*

- 1. Sanctify:** our commitment to obey the Lord is seen in our purity, morality and ethics; to be set apart as holy brings in the redemptive work of the Lord
- 2. Cleanse:** make clean, remove, purify. To remove the impurities of the body, heart, mind and soul and redeems us
- 3. Washing of water:** a baptism, a bath, immersion, redemptive transformation and change

Presentation

Ephesians 5:27 *He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.*

Christ removes the **SPOTS**: a stain or blemish, a *dys*grace becomes Grace

Christ irons out the **WRINKLES**: fold in paper, a wrinkle by His Grace

Christ clears up our **BLEMISHES**: a flaw or blot, i.e. shame and we see the beauty of His Grace

Love

Ephesians 5:28 *In the same way, husbands ought to **love** their wives as they **love** their own bodies. For a man who **loves** his wife actually shows **love** for himself*

Care

Ephesians 5:29-30 *No one hates his own body but feeds and **cares** for it, just as Christ **cares** for the church. And we are members of his body.*

Unity

Ephesians 5:31 *As the Scriptures say, a man leaves his father and mother and is **joined** to his wife, and the two are **united** into one.*

Mystery

Ephesians 5:32 *This is a great **mystery**, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one*

Love and Respect

Ephesians 5:33 *So again I say, each man must **love** his wife as he **loves** himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband*

