

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

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Introduction:

Ephesians 5:22-33 – “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”

I. _____:

Ephesians 5:21 – “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

II. _____:

Ephesians 5:25 – “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

Ephesians 5:26-33 – “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”

Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Ephesians 5:18 – “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

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2. _____.

3. _____.

A gospel-centered marriage isn’t built by two perfect people, it’s built by two Spirit-filled people.

Conclusion and Notes:

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Take-home questions for Small Group and Family Devotions.

1. *In what practical ways can submission be seen as a positive, empowering choice rather than a negative command?*
2. *How can husbands demonstrate sacrificial love in the small, daily moments rather than just grand gestures?*
3. *What is the difference between eisegesis and exegesis, and how might we be guilty of reading our own thoughts into Scripture?*
4. *Why do you think Paul chose to connect marriage directly to the relationship between Christ and the church?*
5. *If marriage is meant to be a picture of the gospel, what does your marriage currently communicate to those who observe it?*

