

EPHESIANS

IN
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Ephesians 5:22–6:9

**²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord,
²³because the husband is the head of the wife as
Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of
the body. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so
also wives are to submit to their husbands in
everything.**

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²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.

²⁷He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless.

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²⁸In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰since we are members of his body.

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³¹For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. ³²This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.



Colossians 3:18–4:1

¹⁸Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and don't be bitter toward them. ²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they won't become discouraged. ²²Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.

Colossians 3:18–4:1

²³Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, ²⁴knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism.

^{4:1}Masters, deal with your slaves justly and fairly, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.



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WIVES

Genesis 2:18-22

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him.”

¹⁹The Lord God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2:18-22

²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found corresponding to him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. ²²Then the Lord God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man.

Deuteronomy 33:29

²⁹How happy you are, Israel!

Who is like you,

a people saved by the Lord?

He is the shield that protects you,

the sword you boast in.

Your enemies will cringe before you,

and you will tread on their backs.

Psalm 33:20

²⁰We wait for the Lord; he
is our **help** and shield.

Psalm 70:5

⁵I am oppressed and needy;
hurry to me, God. You are
my **help** and my deliverer;
Lord, do not delay.

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Psalm 115:9

⁹Israel, trust in the Lord!
He is their **help** and shield.

Psalm 115:11

¹¹You who fear the Lord,
trust in the Lord! He is
their **help** and shield!



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Exodus 18:2-4

²Now Jethro, Moses's father-in-law, had taken in Zipporah, Moses's wife, after he had sent her back, ³along with her two sons, one of whom was named Gershom (because Moses had said, "I have been a resident alien in a foreign land") ⁴and the other Eliezer (because he had said, "The God of my father was my helper and rescued me from Pharaoh's sword").

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- Wives unfortunately, you do not get a pass on the submission command because of poor leadership from you husband.



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Mark 10:42-45

⁴²Jesus called them over and said to them, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

DOMINANCE

- Direct
- Results-oriented
- Firm
- Strong-willed
- Forceful

INFLUENCE

- Outgoing
- Enthusiastic
- Optimistic
- High-spirited
- Lively

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- Analytical
- Reserved
- Precise
- Private
- Systematic

- Even-tempered
- Accommodating
- Patient
- Humble
- Tactful

CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

STEADINESS

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It is crucial to recognize that this passage does not represent a cultural concession to the prevailing forms of patriarchy in Roman households (as a number of modern commentators assume). This passage is countercultural at its core. Paul sets Christ as the example for both wives and husbands, but in particular the husband, as he seeks to understand how he is to exert his leadership and authority in the home.

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The pattern Paul provides completely redefines what every first-century man in the churches would have assumed as important in their role as husbands. They are no longer to look at the heavy-handed, oppressive ways that their fathers and grandfathers ruled in their homes. Rather, they must now look to Christ to see what it truly means to be a leader.

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- “As you love yourself.”
- Attuned to her needs!

No Qualification!

Ephesians 5:33

33 To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.

(submit)

Egalitarian vs. Complimentarian

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**Senior
Pastor**

Ephesians 5:22–6:4

^{6:1}Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. ²Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, ³so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. ⁴Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



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Fathers and Children

Children:

- Obey
- Honor

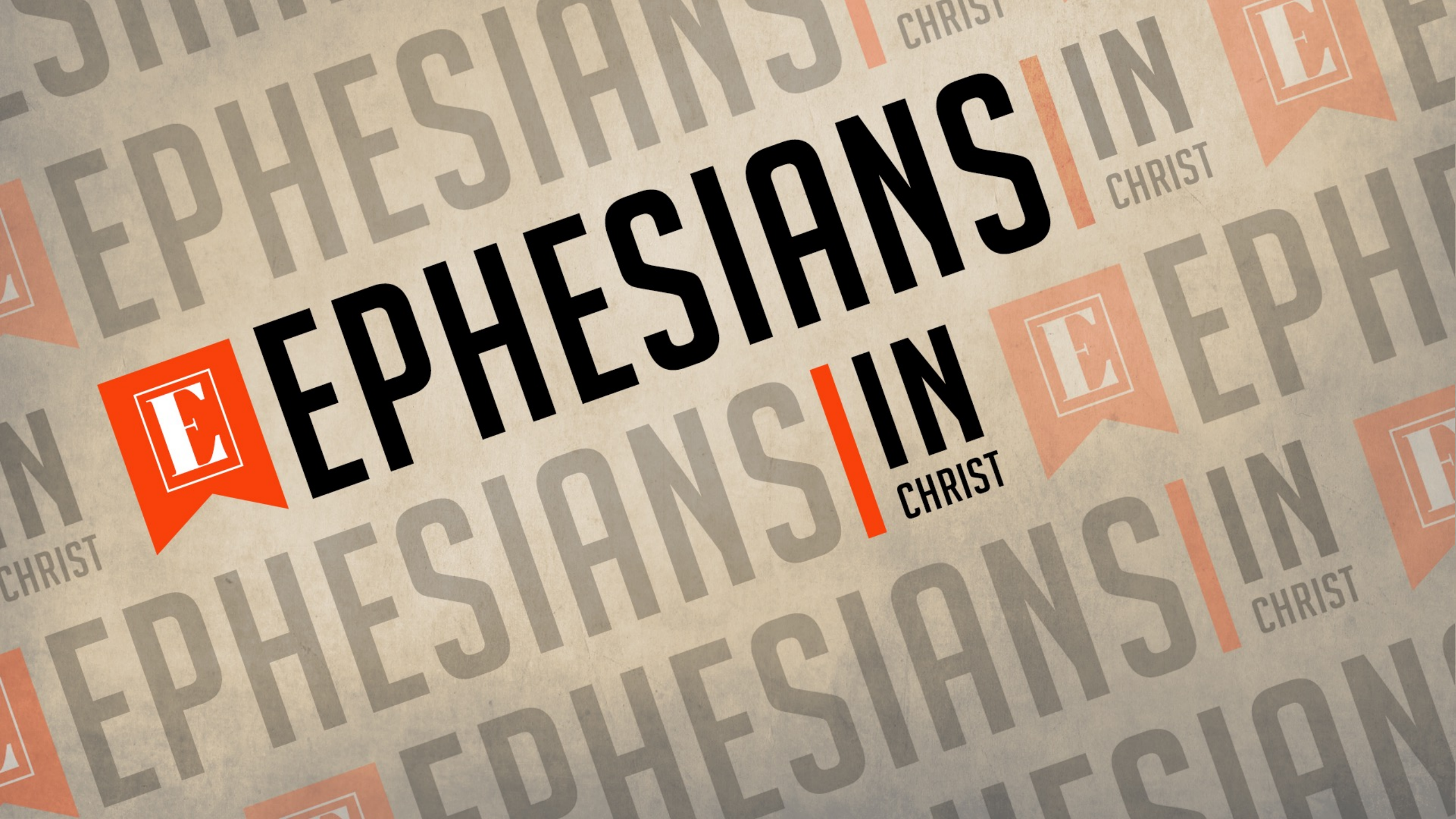
Fathers and Children

Children:

- Obey
- Honor

Fathers:

- Sensitivity
- Responsibility



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