

# EPHESIANS 5

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In Ephesians 5 Paul likens the church to obedient children, husbands and wives.

## I. Obedient children 5:1–21

**Galatians 3:26** (HCSB)

*For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*

**2 Corinthians 6:18** (NIV)

*'And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,' Says the Lord Almighty.*

**Romans 8:14** (DLNT)

*For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

What rules should we follow as children in our Fathers house?

- A. Follow Christ in love (5:1-2)
- B. Avoid all immorality (5:3)
- C. Refrain from obscene language (5:4-5)
- D. Don't allow others to deceive you (5:6-7)
- E. Walk in the light (5:8-9 and 11-14)
- F. Seek Gods will and do it (5:10 and 17)
- G. Use every opportunity for doing good (5:15-16)
- H. Don't get drunk on wine (5:18a)
- I. Be filled with the spirit (5:18b)
- J. Use music to praise and worship God and encourage each other (5:19)
- K. Be thankful for all things (5:20)
- L. Submit to one another (5:21)

## II. Obedient husbands and wives (5:22-33)

### **Ephesians 4:2-3** (ESV)

*With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

### **Colossians 3:14** (NIV)

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

### **Ecclesiastes 4:9** (NIV)

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?*

- A. Wives are to submit to their husbands as the church submits to Christ (5:22-24)
- B. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the church (5:25-33)
  - 1. Christ died for the church (5:25)
  - 2. Christ lives to make the church holy and clean (5:26)
  - 3. Christ will someday present the church to himself as a glorious church without stain or wrinkle (5:27)
- C. Husbands are to love their wives as they love their own bodies (5:28-33)