

Power, authority, and Jesus: Understanding marriage through the love of Jesus  
Ephesians 5:22-33

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Men and women are equally made in God's image, but they were created to compliment one another in their relationship and responsibilities.

Following the way of Jesus is fundamentally different from the way of the world.

Each of these relationships involve the concepts of authority and submission.

Following Jesus requires that we reorient our understanding of authority and submission around the relationship between Jesus and the church.

Jesus loves those who are His all the way to the end.

Jesus presents those who are His as holy and blameless in the end.

The goals of Christ-like authority are:

1. The benefit of those under your care and oversight
2. Present those under your leadership as holy and blameless in the end.
3. Love and sacrifice for others in the same way you would care for yourself.

The power and responsibility of authority are rightly understood through Jesus.

The symbol of power and authority in the church is the cross of Christ.

The marriage relationship exists with the cross at the center.

The cross defines the goals of Christian relationships, especially marriage:

1. Holiness and purity
2. Humility and unity
3. Sanctification and Satisfaction

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