

What comes to your mind when you see this word:

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EPHESIANS 5:22 - 6:9

Ephesians 5:8 ESV

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light

Ephesians 5 ESV

*¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ **submitting** to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Ephesians 5 ESV

*²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even **as Christ is the head of the church**, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

Ephesians 5 ESV

²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, **as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*** ²⁶ *that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,* ²⁷ *so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.* ²⁸ *In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.* ²⁹ *For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, **just as Christ does the church,*** ³⁰ *because we are members of his body.*

Ephesians 5 ESV

³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 6 ESV

¹ Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “**Honor** your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6 ESV

⁵ *Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ **rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man**, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.*

Discussion Questions

- What is one thing that stuck out to you about the relationships Paul discussed? (*wives & husbands, children & parents, servants & masters*)
- What relationship in your life would look different if you were more Spirit-filled in the way you treat others?
- How do you usually react when you disagree with or feel misunderstood by a parent? Is it Christlike?
- Paul says to work and do good for God, not to please others or look good to others. Do you struggle with people-pleasing and wanting to be approved of for what you do? Whose opinions shape your actions?