



-EPHESIANS 5:21-33 “The Christ honoring marriage”

I. A wife’s biblical submission

❖ Ephesians 5:22--*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

1. What does this mean?

❖ Ephesians 5:23--*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.*

❖ 1 Corinthians 11:3--*But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.*

- If we really want to understand submission. Ultimately, the answer is in Christ’s submission to the Father.

❖ John 5:18-23--*This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, **making himself equal with God**. So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of his own accord**, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. **For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will**. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, **that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father**. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.*

❖ John 5:30--*“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because **I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me**.*

- Jesus is equal to God in value and attributes
- Jesus’ role was not to do his own will, but the will of the Father

2. What is the extent of this submission?

❖ Ephesians 5:24--*Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

3. Isn’t submission awful?

❖ John 4:34--*Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.*

II. A husband’s sacrificial love

❖ Ephesians 5:25--*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*

1. What does this mean?

- 🕒 His plans for her are eternal
- 🕒 He endured the weakness of flesh for her
- 🕒 He endured and withstood temptation for her



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- 🕒 **He endured the shame of sin for her**
 - 🕒 **He endured hatred for her**
 - 🕒 **He gave himself for her**
 - 🕒 **He overcame death for her**
 - 🕒 **He ascended to heaven and pleads for her**
 - 🕒 **He purifies her**
 - 🕒 **He earns for himself righteousness and he gives it to her**
 - 🕒 **He unites himself to her**
 - 🕒 **He gives the Holy Spirit to her**
- * Jesus loves his church like you can't even imagine. Everything he did, he did for her. Men, this is how we are to love our wives.