



“THE SECRET OF MARRIAGE”

Sunday, October 21, 2018 | Ephesians 5:21-33 (NASB)

1. THE GOSPEL EMPOWERS WIVES TO SURRENDER.

Ephesians 5:21-33 (NASB) ²¹and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. ²²Wives, *be subject to your own husbands*, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body. ²⁴**But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.**

2. THE GOSPEL EMPOWERS HUSBANDS TO SACRIFICE.

²⁵**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church** and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸**So husbands *ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies.*** He who loves his own wife loves himself; ²⁹for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, ³⁰because we are members of His body.

3. THE GOSPEL EMPOWERS MARRIAGES TO SUCCEED.

³¹FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, **AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.** ³²This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. ³³**Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see *to it* that she respects her husband.**

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