

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 5:22-33

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TITLE:

"Applied Christianity"

SEATED IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST JESUS

SUB-TITLE:

"The Growing Up" of a Healthy Church

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Introduction: The Reading of the Text

vv. 22-33

The Book of Ephesians exalts the believer's situation to never before seen heights of position and power.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

*An almost "Pie in the Sky" story line to
the recreational Bible reader,
but for the serious Christian it is an awesome and
liberating truth...*

Christians;

“...being so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly good.”
What is right is being so heavenly minded that we are of earthly good
sadly, the church is so earthly minded that it is of no heavenly good”

DIFFERENCE LIES IN WHAT IS CALLED:
“Applied Christianity”

The Educating of the Human mind,
Education, without a working knowledge, breeds arrogance shallowness

There is an influence and persuasion
that flows out from those who have not only
learned biblical truth but have more
importantly experienced what they know to be
true...

How we interact, how we get along, how we relate to one another
should be seen in our lives as...

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Ephesians 5:22-6:9

The Rubber Meets the Road

our true report card can be found at home

*It's here that Martin Luther Called this Section (5:22 to 6:9
The Haustafel (House-Table)*

- Wives and husbands vv.5,22-33
- Children and parents vv.6,1-4
- Employees and employers vv.6,5-9

The most **basic** and **true** presentation
of anyone's Christianity is found in the home

On Notice: *this section of Scripture is one of, if not, the most
misunderstood teaching of the Bible in the western mind.*

*Words used like "a husband should 'love' his wife, that he should be willing to
'die' for her are offensive to a man*

*While the wife is called upon to 'submit' to his love for her, to 'obey' him and
his respect for her...*

Our Minds are tempted to Toss in Words such as...
oppression / subjugation / dominance / macho

The abuse has influenced our minds

I want to suggest that the most wonderful thing
a man can do for himself is to love his wife

And the most rewarding thing a woman can do for herself
is to submit to her own husband

Your problem and mine
is not with God, it's with the lack of Christian witness in this area

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1.) The Mystery of Marriage - Step 1

vv. 22-24

Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is **head** of the wife, as
also Christ is **head** of the church; and He is the **Savior** of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the
church is **subject** to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in **everything**.

Because the following Scriptures are not obeyed
1/2 Christian marriages fail and end in divorce

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Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

* **Submit** **GRK 5293 hupotasso (hoop-ot-as'-so);**
be place yourself under the rule of your husband

An Ordered Equality

Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He **brought her** to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

>>>>>>>>> Just as you do to the Lord <<<<<<<<<<

A Wife who not submitted to God cannot be submitted to her husband

VV. 23

Verse 23

For the husband is **head** of the wife, (as also) Christ is **head** of the church; and He is the **Savior** of the body.

* **Head** **GRK 2776 kephale (kef-al-ay');**
give over for the sense of seizing. To readily taken hold of.
To lead away captive

Implied - being the first to be sacrificed

/ Sacrificed to give love / Sacrificed to give protect
/ Sacrificed to give peace / Sacrificed to give joy
/ Sacrificed to give happiness

Being the Head is Being Dead

All of Which is

IMPOSSIBLE

Unless you are filled with the Holy Spirit vv. 18

Being the 'Head' means being a
"Servant-Leadership"

Galatians 5:13

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Mark 10:42-44

But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

Jesus Example

John 13:13-15

You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

What does God think about Servant-Leadership?

Philippians 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

"I want to get Married"

(Not unless you are enraptured with pleasing, loving, giving, and serving that other person - living for them (in Christ))

Luke 22:27

"For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

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1c.) The Place of Submission

vv. 24

Verse 24

Therefore, just as the church is **subject** to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in **everything**.

The Bible Teaches - Sexual Equality

Galatians 3:25-29

But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Verse 24

Not Slavish Obedience

so let the wives be to their own husbands in **everything**.

When you lead like Jesus - she'll follow like the church

In the Christian marriage - the wife will be glad, happy to follow and honoring about it

She'll Boast of her Husband's Leadership-Servanthood

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2.) The Mystery of Marriage - Step 2

vv. 25-27

Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and **gave** Himself for her, ²⁶ **that He** might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ **that He** might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

2a.) Militant, Sacrificing Love for the Bride

vv. 25

Verse 25

Husbands, **love** your wives,
just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Christian Headship is Godly Leadership

Godly Leadership comes from a man's heart who is submitted to God, Who Reads his Bible, and prays

A Husband who does not love God
cannot love his Wife

John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 13:1

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

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2b.) Militant, Sanctifying Love for the Bride

vv. 26

Verse 26

that He might **sanctify** and **cleanse** her
with the washing of water by the word,

- * **Sanctify** **GRK 37 hagiozo (hag-ee-ad'-zo);**
to make holy by ceremonially purifying or consecrating;
to set apart for a specific purpose

Sanctification is a Holy Work

John 17:17

"**Sanctify** them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Sanctification is a Costly Work

Hebrews 13:12

Therefore Jesus also, that He might **sanctify** the people with His own blood,

Once the Worlds - but No Longer

John 15:19

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Verse 26

cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

- * **Cleanse** **GRK 2511 katharizo (kath-ar-id'-zo);**
to make clean by purifying

The Power of the Word

>>>>> both read and spoken <<<<<<

John 15:3

"You are already **clean** because of the word which I have spoken to you.

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2c.) The Wife is a Reflection of the Husband

vv. 27

Verse 27

That He might present her to Himself
a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy
and without blemish.

The washing of water by the word,
it is the word of God that protects, covers, cleanses, prepares the church for Jesus

Jesus is sanctifying His bride
looking into her eyes - he sees himself

A Hebrew picture here
of the wedding day and the bride

Awakening before the day dawns, she is greeted by her friends as
they help prepare her for the wedding. Washed and dressed and
perfumed, she sits and waits...

...WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE

Colossians 3:16-19

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. ¹⁸ Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Are our wives more like Jesus because of us or despite us?

Are our wives better for being married to us or bitter?

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3.) The Mystery of Marriage - Step 3

vv. 28-30

So husbands ought to love their own 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 the Lord does the church.

³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

3a.) The Only Real Self Love

vv. 28

Verse 28

So husbands ought to **love** their own wives as their own bodies;

The Idea is This:

That if you cared about yourself, then you would want what's best for you, and what is best for you is making sure that your wife is happy!

Cus if mama ain't happy,
There ain't nobody happy

To be “Knowing” her feelings, moods, fears, desires, excitements, passions

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Verse 29

he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Why does Jesus do anything for the church at all?

3b.) The Reason why we Should Value Ourselves vv. 30

Verse 30

For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

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4.) The Mystery of Marriage - Step 4

vv. 31-33

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and the two shall become **one flesh**." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** her husband.

4a.) The Body, Soul and Spirit of Marriage

vv. 31

Verse 31

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh

4b.) Marriage - A Model of Something Better

vv. 32

Verse 32

"This is a great mystery,
but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Because as with the church and Jesus, so also with the husband and wife, there is an exchange of the souls

MAKING THEM ONE

4c.) Unity Against the Enemy

vv. 33

Verse 33

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** her husband.

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Respects grk

implied; to look for that which is uniquely him

*If you really want to bless your husband - tell him and
show him that you respect him*

*(This is the reason why so many men are approached by
other women in the work place is because of the
“respect” factor that’s involved)*

*Wives Submitting - Husbands Loving
to two becoming one
Jesus Glorified... The End*