

Surrendering Your Marriage to Jesus

Ephesians 5:33 (HCSB) To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.

Text: Ephesians 5:21-33

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As you surrender your marriage to Jesus...

- 1) Maintain a _____ for Christ (vs. 21)**
 - a. Let the fear of Christ motivate your submission to one another.**
 - b. Husbands and wives will give an account for their marriages to Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:10)**

- 2) _____ the home according to God's Word (vs. 22-31)**
 - a. Let the husband lead (Wives) (22-24)**
 - b. Love your wife (Husbands) (25-31)**
 - c. Lead the children in the instruction of the Lord (6:1-4)**

- 3) Magnify the _____ (vs. 32-33)**
 - a. Paul declares that marriage is a mystery that refers to the love of Christ and the church (The Gospel).**
 - i. (vs. 22-24) Wives are to submit to their husbands is a picture of Jesus submitting to the father to the point of the cross.**
 - ii. (vs. 25) Husbands are to love their wives and give themselves up for their wives is a picture of how Christ loved the church and gave himself up for it.**
 - iii. (vs. 30) The two leaving their father and mother is a picture of Jesus leaving his father to come to earth and get His bride the church.**
 - iv. (vs. 30b) The union of the two within marriage is a picture of the union of Christ to all believers**
 - v. The covenant of marriage is to be a promise kept forever. It is a picture of the Gospel in that it is a covenant of salvation is a promise from God to save you forever.**

What is Submission?

- A) Submission is not: 1. Slavery. 2. Inferiority. 3. Inequality.**
- B) Submission is: 1. A voluntary surrender of one's rights and will to maintain God's intended order.**
- C) Why submit? 1. It glorifies God. 2. It maintains God's intended order. 3. It demonstrates trust and obedience to God and His word.**
- D) What fruit will submission produce: 1. It encourages the husband's Christian obedience and his desire to seek God's will for the family. 2. It will influence the children through a healthy marriage. 3. It will produce a God honored atmosphere.**

Questions for Application

- 1. In your view, what one quality or ability sustains a marriage relationship?**
- 2. What service should wives render to the Lord? (5:22)**
- 3. What is the relationship of the husband to the wife? (5:23)**
- 4. How is Christ's headship of the church an example to the husband? (5:23)**
- 5. How is the relationship of the church to Christ an example to wives? (5:24)**
- 6. How are husbands commanded to love their wives? (5:25)**
- 7. How did Christ prepare a bride for Himself? (5:26-27)**
- 8. How should husbands love their wives? (5:28-30)**
- 9. How is the bond between husband and wife greater than the bond between parent and child? (5:31)**
- 10. How does the bond between Christ and the church illustrate the love of a husband for his wife? (5:32)**
- 11. In sum, what are the responsibilities of the husband and wife toward each other? (5:33)**
- 12. How should both husband and wife model themselves on Christ?**
- 13. Why would unselfishness be an essential part of a Christian marriage?**
- 14. What should a Christian wife give her husband?**
- 15. How should a Christian husband care for his wife?**
- 16. How does a healthy Christian marriage relationship honor the Lord?**
- 17. How can you treat your spouse with more respect and love this week?**
- 18. How can you express your thankfulness to Christ today for making you His bride?**