

Unity at Home (Eph. 5:21-6:9)

Theme: Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ (5:21)

- Included in a series of universal commands (Eph. 5:18-21)
- The verb “be subject” carries over into verse 22 as the first of several examples
- Every class of individual is commanded to serve with selflessness and humility (4:2; Phil. 2:1-8)





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Marriages Worthy of Our Calling (5:21-33)

Wives, Submit

- **Motivation – “as to the Lord”**
 - She submits to her husband because she submits to Christ as Lord
- **Authority – “husband is the head”**
 - Rooted in God’s divine creation order (1 Cor. 11:3,8-9), not personal dignity or worth
- **Submission is –**
 - Following your husband’s lead
 - An attitude of the heart – respect (v. 33)



Ephesians 5:22-24

Husbands, Love

- **Love – sacrificing self is a kind of subjection**
 - A submission of my personal interests for the good of another (Phil. 2:3-8)
 - Paul does not eliminate authority, but shows how those in authority lead with humility



Ephesians 5:25-33

Husbands, Love

- **Explanation 1 – “as Christ loved the church” (vv. 25-28)**
 - Measured by how much of self we give up (v. 25)
 - Most neglected aspect – spiritual leadership!
- **Explanation 2 – “as our own bodies” (vv. 28-33)**
 - We are “one flesh” (v. 31; Gen. 2:21-23)
 - An application of Matt. 7:12 and 22:39

Ephesians 5:31-32

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