

Ephesians 5:22-33

THE CHURCH**The Bride of Christ**

Ephesians 5:22-33

Husband and Wife

(5:22, 25)

MARRIAGE**Christ and the Church**

(5:32)

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Married to Christ

- United to Christ. Romans 7:4
 - "To become" "Married" NKJV
- Betrothed. 2 Corinthians 11:2
 - Fastened together
- Bride of Christ. Revelation 19:7-9
 - Arrayed in righteous acts

When? Gospel Obedience

Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:41, 47; 2 Corinthians 11:2

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Christ Loves His Church*Church: called out ones, the saved**Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47***Verse 25 – Jesus Sacrificed Himself for Her**

- To save her. Ephesians 5:23; Luke 19:10; Romans 5:6-8
- To sanctify her. Ephesians 5:25-27
- "**Washing of water with the word.**"
 - Redemption and reconciliation. Ephesians 1:7; Acts 20:28; Romans 5:10
 - The blood applied through faith. Acts 2:37-41; 22:16 (Romans 6:3)

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Christ Loves His Church*Church: called out ones, the saved.**Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47***Christ's Leadership (Servant-leader)**

(Mark 10:35-45)

- His headship: Service – Sacrifice – Salvation
- Unselfish. Philippians 2:5-8

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Christ Loves His Church*Church: called out ones, the saved.**Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47***As Head, Christ Nourishes and****Cherishes the Church** (Ephesians 5:23,

28-30; 1 Peter 3:7)

- Full authority to save, bless and lead
- He uses His authority to ...
 - Strengthen and cherish us. Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:23
 - Give us eternal life. John 5:21 (Colossians 3:4)

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The Church's Response: Submissive to Christ in Everything

**Submission to Christ is Essential for
Our Salvation** (Ephesians 5:23-24)

- Rebellious wife cannot expect to make her husband happy. Proverbs 31:10-12, 28-30
- Rebellious Christian is lost. Galatians 5:4; Revelation 2:16, 21-23

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Faithful to Christ in Everything
(Ephesians 5:24; Colossians 3:17)

- The nature of our head compels our devotion.
 - What if a wife is faithful 90% of the time?
 - What if a husband is loving 90% of the time?
- Wife honors her husband by respecting and supporting his word.
- The church honors Christ by always respecting and supporting His word. 1 Timothy 3:15

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**Submission to Christ Expresses Our
Faithfulness to Him**

- Jehovah used the figure of marriage to explain His relationship with Jerusalem. Ezekiel 16:8
 - Adorned her with great blessings. Ezekiel 16:9-14
 - She trusted in her beauty and was unfaithful to God. Ezekiel 16:15-59 (32, 38, 59)
 - God's judgment was that of a jealous husband. Ezekiel 16:41-43

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**Submission to Christ Expresses Our
Faithfulness to Him**

- The church must be faithful to Christ ...
 - Through morality. Ephesians 5:3-11 (*Love*)
 - Through zealous devotion. Ephesians 5:10, 14 (*Light*)
 - Through true worship. Ephesians 5:19-20 (*Wisdom*)

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The Church's Response: Submissive to Christ in Everything

**Submission to Christ Expresses Our
Unity with Him** (Ephesians 5:31;
cf. Genesis 2:24)

- Leave and cleave: New relation in Christ. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
- One flesh: United with Christ in order to follow Him in everything.

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Husbands and Wives
(Ephesians 5:33)

ONE FLESH

Christ and the Church
(Revelation 19:7-9; 21:9; 22:17)

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