

Christ-Centered Marriage

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 129

Ephesians 5:21

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¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, in which is reckless waste,¹ but *instead* be filled with² the Spirit, ...²¹ by subordinating yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ:²² wives, to your own husbands, as to the Lord,²³ because the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ *is* the Head of the church, Himself *being* the Savior of the body.²⁴ But as the church subordinates itself to Christ, thus also wives, to their husbands, in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, keep loving your wives, just as Christ also loved the church, and delivered Himself up for her,²⁶ in order that He might make her holy by cleansing *her* by the washing of water with the Word,²⁷ in order that He Himself might present the church to Himself *as* radiant,³ not having spot or

wrinkle or any such things, but *instead* that she might be holy and blameless.²⁸ Thus also the husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but *instead* nourishes and cherishes it, just as also Christ *does* the church,³⁰ because we are members⁴ of His body.³¹ “For this reason a man will leave behind his father and his mother, and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”⁵ ³² This mystery is profound,⁶ but I am saying *it* with reference to Christ, and with reference to the church.

³³ Nevertheless also you, let each individual one thus keep loving his own wife as himself, and the wife, that she respect⁷ her husband.

(Ephesians 5:18, 21-33 DJP)

Introduction:

I. Wifely Subordination (vv. 22-24)

A. Command (v. 22)

1. _____ to do (v. 22a)

2. _____ to do it (v. 22b)

B. _____ (v. 23)

C. Analogy (vv. 23b-24)

1. Expressed (v. 23b)

2. _____ (v. 24)

¹ Or *profligacy, indulgence*.

² Or *by*.

³ Or *glorious*.

⁴ I.e. body-parts.

⁵ Quoting Genesis 2:24.

⁶ Or *great*.

⁷ Literally *fears*, verb form of noun in v. 21 (*the fear of Christ*).

II. Husbandly _____ (vv. 25-32)

A. Command (v. 25a)

1. Who

2. What

3. To whom

B. (Reason [carried forward from v. 23])

C. Analogy (vv. 25b-32)

1. Expressed (vv. 25b-27)

2. Applied (vv. 28-29)

III. Marriage and Mystery (vv. 30-32)

A. _____ (v. 30)

B. _____ (v. 31)

C. _____ (v. 32)

IV. Summary Restatement (v. 33)

A. Husbands (v. 33a)

B. Wives (v. 33b)