

**“Honoring God Thru Marriage”  
Ephesians 5:21-33  
Sunday October 16, 2011**

**Genesis 2:18**

**Ephesians 5:21**

**Eph. 5:18-21 – Is A Section Dealing With “Walking in the Spirit”**

**Being filled with the Holy Spirit – simply means “to be controlled by or yielded to the Holy Spirit”**

**Paul Gives 3 Evidences For Being Spirit Filled:**

1. Joy – Eph. 5:19

1) Joy in the heart, 2) towards others and 3) the Lord.

2. Thankfulness – Eph. 5:20

1 Thess. 5:18

3. Submission – Eph. 5:21

The word “subject” – A Greek military term meaning “to arrange in troop divisions in a military fashion under the command of a leader”; In a non-military usage, it is “a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden.”

**Eph. 5:22-24 – Wives Submit To The Lord:**

**1. Verse 22 – Wives’ Submission – Is Voluntary:**

Eph. 5:22

Eph. 5:25-33 – Husbands submit to the Lord by loving their wives.

Eph. 6:1-3 – Children submit to the Lord through obedience to Parents.

Eph. 6:4 – Fathers submit to the Lord through not provoking their children.

Eph. 6:5-8 – Employees submit to the Lord through obeying their Employers.

Eph. 6:9 – Employers submit to the Lord through not threatening.

“Subject” – A Greek military term meaning “to arrange troop divisions”

An appeal to the Christian wives to place themselves under God’s order.  
(Submission – “Allowing God To Lead Me Through Others.”)

## **2. Verse 22 – Wives’ Submission – As To The Lord:**

Eph. 5:22

1. After a woman is married, the only way that she can fully submit to God is to submit to her husband. (It becomes God’s will for their life.) Rom. 13:2
2. Because the wife submits to the Lord, she is able to submit to the husband.

## **3. Verse 23 – Wives’ Submission – To Your Husband:**

Eph. 5:23

“head of the church,” – “the position or state of being a leader, in command”

“Savior” – “deliverer, preserver”

1 Sam 25 – Abigail and Nabal

## **4. Verse 24 – Wives’ Submission – In Everything:**

Eph. 5:24

“But as the church is subject to Christ,” – Eph 5:23: Jesus is the head and the Savior.

“so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.”

1. Husband oversteps when he... Forbids what God commands.
2. Husband oversteps when he... Commands what God forbids.

## **Eph. 5:25-33 – Husbands submitting to the Lord:**

### **1. Verse 25 – “Husbands” – A Love That Sacrifices:**

Eph. 5:25

v.25 – “love your wives”

v.28 – “so husbands ought also to love their own wives”

v.33 – “let each individual among you also love his own wife.”

In the Greek language there are four words for love.

1. Eros – not used in the Bible. Sexual love – Eros – erotic – it's a receiving love, not giving.
2. Storgee – not used in the Bible. Family love/parental.
3. Phileo – Human love. Affection – brotherly love – affection – human love.
4. Agape – God's Divine love – "Unconditional, choice, commitment, to love, a love that exists to demonstrate, not based on performance, but a deliberate choice – made without assignable cause save that which lies in the nature of God Himself"

A Husband's Love Is Not Dependent Upon A Wife's Performance –  
Colossians 3:19

What To Do!

1. If you are not a believer, you need to receive Jesus Christ:
2. Be Filled With the Spirit:  
Yield – present yourself to God – yield to the Word
3. Commit Yourself to Love – Obey His command
4. Love Sacrificially

## **2. Verses 26-27 – Husband's – Love That Cleanses:**

Eph. 5:26

"sanctify" – "to set apart, to be holy, sacred, special use"

"word" – It is speaking about, "the spoken word."

Eph. 5:27

"having no spot" – caused by defilement on the outside.

"or wrinkle" – caused by decay, this comes from the inside.

2 Cor. 3:18

### **3. Verses 28-30 – “Husbands” – Love For His Wife Should Mirror The Love For Himself: Eph. 5:28**

“ought” – “owe, to be a debtor”; not emotion, we owe a debt to her to love.

Eph. 5:29

“but nourishes” – to feed, physically – provide for ....

1 Tim. 5:8

“cherishes it” – “to soften or warm with body heat” (Bird to keep young warm)

Eph. 5:30

### **4. Verses 31-33 – Husband’s – Love Endures To The End:**

Eph. 5:31

3 things that speak of stability.

1. (Severance) – “For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother,”
2. (Permanence) – “shall cleave to his wife;”
3. (Unity) – “and the two shall be one flesh”

Eph. 5:32-33

#### **Application:**

1. The Problem Is Not With Marriage! But With Person’s Attempting To Live “Happily Ever After, Without God and His Directives.”
2. All Persons Are Called To Submit to God And Each Other.
3. After a woman is married, the only way that she can fully submit to God is to submit to her husband.
4. A Husband’s Love Is Not Dependent Upon A Wife’s Performance.
5. A God-Centered Marriage Includes Severance, Permanence, And Unity.