

Series "Our Riches In Christ"
"The Walk Of The Husband"
Ephesians 5:25-33
Study-21

When you define the two roles of "Submission" and "Love," you could define both terms with the word "Surrender." Submitting and loving are acts of surrender.

This section of **Ephesians 5:18-6:9** is the **"Walk of Harmony!"**

We need God's power to surrender, so Paul starts with being filled with the Spirit, **Ephesians 5:18.**

Paul reveals 3 evidences of one being filled with the Spirit!

- 1. Evidence – Joy: Ephesians 5:19**
- 2. Evidence – Thankfulness: Ephesians 5:20**
- 3. Evidence – Submissive: Ephesians 5:21**

Thought Of The Passage: "The Spirit-Filled Husband Chooses To Be Submissive To God Through Loving His Wife In Everything."

- 1. Verse 25 – Sacrificial Love**
- 2. Verses 26-27 – Cleansing Love**
- 3. Verses 28-30 – Caring Love**
- 4. Verses 31-33 – Lasting Love**

1. Verse 25 – Sacrificial Love:

Ephesians 5:25 – "love your wives" – whatever it means, Paul says it 3X's that we are to love:

Verse 25 – "love your wives"

Verse 28 – "so husbands ought also to love their own wives"

Verse 33 – "let each individual among you also love his own wife."

"love" – in English, there is one word – we use it for everything...

The Bible has a lot to say about love; "Love" occurs at least 650X.

In the Greek language, there are 4 different 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 – Sisterly/brotherly/parental.
3. **Phileo** – Human love. Affection – brotherly love – affection – human love. (We get Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love)
4. **Agape** – “a divine love, that of a spiritual plane – experienced only through conversion through a new nature, an unconditional love – Not based upon performance, excellency, true worth, but a love that is a deliberate choice – made without assignable cause except that which lies in the nature of God Himself.” Not Emotion – But Motion – Paul says nothing about emotions! It’s a command – a love based on the new nature.

“just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself up for her” – Sacrificial love – only possible for Christians.

Love Sacrificially – Sacrificing will stop us from being embittered against our wives – not expecting anything in return, Colossians 3:19.

John 15:13; 1 Peter 3:7

“live with your wives” – KJV, dwell; literally, “make togetherness, settle down, love the home.”

“in an understanding way” – “Intelligent recognition of the marriage relationship;” Spending time finding out her moods, goals, fears, hopes and needs.

“show her honor” – Grant honor, assign to, portion out, to dispense, courtesy, respect, kindness. “as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman” – This is not referring to the wife as being gender inferior to man.

“weaker vessel” – “not as strong, delicate;” term “vessel” – used by priest in the temple for ministry; wife needs to be looked at as delicate, dedicated to God!

“grant her honor” – “grant” – to assign to, to portion off. “honor” – precious, courtesy, respect, kindness.

“a fellow heir of the grace of life” – wives are on the husband’s team.

“so that your prayers may not be hindered.” – Just as a wife cannot serve God apart from submitting to her husband, so neither can the husband.

2. Verses 26-27 – Cleansing Love:

Ephesians 5:26 – “sanctify” – “to set apart, to be holy, sacred, special use.”
“sanctify her” – this is a priestly duty – husband needs to be the priest of the home.

“having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word.” – The term “Word” – is speaking about the spoken Word.

Ephesians 5:27 – “that He might present to Himself” – to the Lord; Jesus presenting His church.

“the church” – wife – “in all her glory” – Husband should not drag his bride down to the gutter.

“having no spot” – “caused by defilement on the outside.”

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

2 Corinthians 3:18; Jude 24

“she would be holy and blameless” – How is your wife looking today?

3. Verses 28-30 – Caring Love:

Ephesians 5:28 – “So” – in light of the fact that the husband is a priest, sacrificing for her.

“husbands ought also to love their own wives” – the word “ought” – “owe, to be a debtor” ...not emotion ...we owe ...we owe the debt to love to our wife.

“as their own bodies” – same degree, or it is the same thing when you love your wife.

Ephesians 5:29 – Note – “for no one ever hated his own flesh”

“but nourishes” – “to feed physically, to provide for;” we pamper ourselves, 1 Timothy 5:8.

“cherishes it” – “to soften or warm with body heat;” Bird to keep young warm.

“Just as Christ also does the church” – Ephesians 4:8 – Jesus gives gifts.

Ephesians 5:30; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Genesis 2:21-23

Adam – gave part of himself for his bride – “He took one of his ribs”
Christ – gave all for us.

4. Verses 31-33 – Lasting Love:

Ephesians 5:31 – Paul quotes Genesis 2:24.

“FOR THIS REASON” – What reason? Jesus gave His all for us, His bride.

Marriage In God’s Divine Plan Contains 3 Non-Negotiable Parts:

- 1. Severance** – “A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER” – “leave” – a man must leave in order to lead. The Marriage Now Becomes The Primary Relationship!
- 2. Permanence** – “AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE,” – speaks “to glue, the melting together, inseparable bond.” Men Need To Be Permanently Glued To Your Wife.
- 3. Unity** – “AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.” – God takes two people and makes them one, Hebrews 13:4.

Ephesians 5:32 – “This mystery is great;” – Church in Ephesians as a “Body,” “Temple,” now as a “Bride.”

Ephesians 5:33 – Husband – “love his own wife even as himself” – If you are not helping, you are not directing, you are not loving your wife!

“the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.” – “reverence”

Application:

1. Sacrificial Love – Jesus Modeled The Love That The Husband Is To Have towards His Wife As Giving His All For Her.
2. Cleansing Love – Husbands Have A Sacred Responsibility To Protect Their Wives From Anything That Could Bring Outward And Inward Corruption.
3. Caring Love – Husbands Are To Love Their Wives To The Same Degree That They Love Themselves.
4. Lasting Love – Husband’s Love For His Wife Must Be His Primary Love Relationship; A Relationship That Is Permanent And A Unity That Is Nothing Short Of Miraculous.