

Wives and Husbands - Ephesians 5:21-33

Topics:

Bible, Body, Church, Family, Holiness, Husbands, Jesus Christ, Love, Marriage, Respect, Submission, Unity, Wives

Open It Questions

1. What husband-and-wife team do you greatly admire?

2. In your view, what one quality or ability sustains a marriage relationship?

Explore It Questions

3. What service should wives render to the Lord? (5:22)

4. What is the relationship of the husband to the wife? (5:23)

5. How is Christ's headship of the church an example to the husband? (5:23)

6. How is the relationship of the church to Christ an example to wives? (5:24)

7. How are husbands commanded to love their wives? (5:25)

8. How did Christ prepare a bride for Himself? (5:26-27)

9. How should husbands love their wives? (5:28-30)

10. How is the bond between husband and wife greater than the bond between parent and child? (5:31)

11. How does the bond between Christ and the church illustrate the love of a husband for his wife? (5:32)

12. In sum, what are the responsibilities of the husband and wife toward each other? (5:33)

Get It Questions

13. How should both husband and wife model themselves on Christ?

14. Why would unselfishness be an essential part of a Christian marriage?

15. What should a Christian wife give her husband?

16. How should a Christian husband care for his wife?

17. How does a healthy Christian marriage relationship honor the Lord?

18. What are some ways local churches can help Christian couples strengthen their marriages?

Apply It Questions

19. What is something you can do to help a Christian couple strengthen their marriage?

20. How can you treat your spouse with more respect and love this week?

21. How can you express your thankfulness to Christ today for making you His bride?

Adult Questions for LESSON Maker.

Letter to the Ephesians Spirit-Guided Relationships: Wives and Husbands

Ephesians 5:21-33

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Introduction

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In this section of the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul presented concepts governing household behavior. Household codes were common among Jewish and Greek communities.

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As Christianity spread, it aroused suspicion. Tensions grew between Christians and the rest of society. This required Christians to have high standards for their behavior. Paul outlined God's plan for Christian behavior in the home.

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21 ...submitting to one another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything.

Scripture
(NKJV)

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²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Scripture
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²⁸ In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹ No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. ³⁰ And we are members of his body.

Scripture
(NKJV)

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³¹ As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. ³³ So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Scripture
(NKJV)



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Ephesians 5:22

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3. What service should wives render to the Lord? ([5:22](#))

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Ephesians 5:22

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“For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord” (5:22 NKJV).

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4. What is the relationship of the husband to the wife? ([5:23](#))

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“For a husband is the head of his wife *as* Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church”
(5:23 NKJV).

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6. How is the relationship of the church to Christ an example to wives? ([5:24](#))

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Ephesians 5:24

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“As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything”
(5:24 NKJV).

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Ephesians 5:25

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7. How are husbands commanded to love their wives?
([5:25](#))

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Ephesians 5:25

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“For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her” (5:25 NKJV).

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Ephesians 5:26-27

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8. How did Christ
prepare a bride
for Himself?
([5:26-27](#))

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²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

(5:26-27 NKJV)

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9. How should husbands love their wives?
([5:28-30](#))

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²⁹ No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.

³⁰ And we are members of his body. **(5:28-30 NKJV)**

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Ephesians 5:31

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10. How is the bond between husband and wife greater than the bond between parent and child? ([5:31](#))

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As the Scriptures say,
“A man leaves his father
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are united into one.”
(5:31 NKJV)

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11. How does the bond between Christ and the church illustrate the love of a husband for his wife? ([5:32](#))

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“This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one” (5:32 NKJV).

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12. In sum, what are the responsibilities of the husband and wife toward each other? ([5:33](#))

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“So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband” (5:33 NKJV).

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**Reminder to all
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“...submitting to one another in the fear of God” (5:21).

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Get It Questions

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Apply It

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#19-#21 (See
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Next Week's Lesson



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Children and Parents

Ephesians
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