

Masterpiece in Progress - Week 7

Our Relationships Matter to God

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. -Ephesians 5:22-33

❖ The Submissive Wife

Means "sub-mission"

- The mission is obeying and glorifying God

Three reasons for a wife's submission:

1. Obedience to Jesus (as to the Lord)
2. Order of Creation
3. Models the relationship between Jesus and the Church

❖ The Loving Husband

Love your wives as Christ loved the church

4 types of love:

- Phileo: Love between friends; brotherly love
- Eros: The sense of being in love; romantic love; erotic love
- Storge: Love of family; Parent/child, siblings, cousins, etc.
- **Agape: Unconditional love; the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation. Less about emotion; more about a choice!**

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,[a] 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,[b] 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[c] being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. -Philippians 2:5-8

4 qualities of the husband's love:

1. Sacrificial love
2. Purifying love
3. Caring love
4. Unbreakable love

❖ The Mysterious Savior

***Jesus wants more than just an external, surface relationship**

***Jesus wants us to be One with Him**