

The Restored Family - Part 1

Biblical Marriage - Ephesians 5:21-33

I. Introduction - “Free Bike Ride with a Cycling Celebrity”

II. Review Ephesians

III. Ephesians 5:21-33 -

21and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

22Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body. 24But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

25Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, 30because we are members of His body. 31FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

IV. 3 Notes on Biblical Marriage -

A. Statistics don't lie, but can be _____.

B. Christians' reaction to liberation movements should be a _____ welcome.

C. There are 3 key doctrines to believe and understand if you are going to understand and obey the Bible's teaching on marriage.

1. The Doctrine of Creation particularly as it relates to men and women - Genesis 1, 2
2. The Doctrine of The Trinity - Genesis 1:26
3. The Doctrine of The Fall of Mankind - Genesis 3

V. The Redeemed Marriage -

A. The Wife's Role - vv. 22-24

1. Responsibility - v. 22

- a) What submission means -
- b) What submission doesn't mean -

2. Reason - v. 23

- a) Creation (1Cor 11:3-12; 1Tim 2:11-13; Matt 19:4-6)
- b) Redemption

3. Scope - v. 24

B. The Husband's Role - To Love - 4 Qualities of His Loving

Leadership:

1. _____ Love - v. 25
2. _____ Love - vv. 26-27; John 17:17
3. _____ Love - vv. 29-31; Matt 7:12
4. _____ Love - vv. 31, 32; Ephesians 3

"The truth is that all self-sacrifice, although the way of service and the means to self-realization, is also painful. Indeed, love and pain appear to be inseparable, especially in sinners like us, since our fallenness has not been obliterated by our re-creation through Christ. In marriage there is the pain of adjustment, as the old independent 'I' gives way to the new interdependent 'we'. There is also the pain of vulnerability as closeness to one another leads to self-exposure, self-exposure to mutual knowledge, and knowledge to the risk of rejection. So husbands and wives should not expect to discover harmony without conflict; they have to work at building a relationship of love, respect and truth.

The giving of oneself to anybody is a recognition of the worth of the other self. For if I give myself up, it can only be because I value the other person so highly that I want to sacrifice myself for his or her self, in order that he may develop his selfhood, or she hers, more fully. Now to lose oneself that the other may find his or her self-that is the essence of the gospel of Christ. It is also the essence of the marriage relationship, for as the husband loves his wife and the wife submits to her husband, each is seeking to enable the other to become more fully himself and herself, within the harmonious complementarity of the sexes." - John RW Stott