

Series: Wealth and Walk of a Christian  
"Spirit-Filled Marriage" Pt. 2, # 21  
Eph. 5:25-33  
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Paul speaks of submission in the church (vs. 19-21), marriage (vs. 22-33), parents and children (6:1-4), and the workplace (6:5-9).

This passage is important in light of our present culture. We are not only in a culture war but a spiritual war.

The foundation of marriage and the family is crumbling. Culture is redefining the terms like "Gender" and "marriage" and "family."

Paul teaches the key responsibilities of husbands and wives that gives us an analogy of Christ and the church. I will share the principles for each of us to flesh out in our own marriage.

The wives responsibility is submission and respect. Let's look at the Spirit-Filled Husband:

The responsibility of the husband centers on v. 25. How do we love our wife as Christ loved the church?

**I. Spirit-Filled Wives (5:22-24).**  
**II. Spirit-Filled Husbands (5:25-33).**

I. Sacrificial Love (v. 25).

The love of Christ for his church was shown at the cross. His back was scourged, his hands and feet were nailed to the wood, and a spear was thrust into his side.

A crown of thorns was placed on his head- all because He loved the church. His love was a sacrificial love coupled with unequal humility and love.

**Q-** What is the application for husbands?

Marriage is a call to die. Dying to self means giving up yourself to your bride. Marriage is a call to serve. We are not to be a passive husband but actively loving your wife.

I. Sacrificial Love (v. 25).  
2. Sanctifying Love (vs. 26-27).

(1) v. 26- Why did Christ die for the church? That he might sanctify His bride.

(2) v. 27- Is this progressive sanctification or positional sanctification? v. 27 seems to indicate it is positional sanctification. This speaks of our ultimate glorification when we get our new body at the resurrection.

(3) What are the agents of cleansing? The washing of water and by the Word.

Does "water" refer to water baptism? Paul speaks of water as spiritual cleansing by the Spirit that takes place a salvation.

**I Cor. 6:11**, And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

The "Word" refers to the gospel.

**Eph. 6:17**, And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**Q-** What is the application for Husbands?

We can't forgive sins of save anyone. We should love our bride in a way that helps her grow in Christ likeness.

Is your wife more like Christ because she is married to you? Or is she more like Christ in spite of you?

We are the priest of the home who looks out for the spiritual welfare of our wives. We need to be in the Word and in prayer so we can promote their spiritual growth.

1. Sacrificial Love (v. 25).

2. Sanctifying Love (vs. 26-27).

3. Satisfying Love (vs. 28-31).

Paul refers to Gen. 2:24 and the one flesh relationship which speaks of satisfying love.

Husbands are you nourishing your wife? Are you cherishing your wife? Are you admiring and complimenting your wife?

Husbands, we need to Love your wife as we love your own bodies.

God ordained marriage and the Spirit empowers marriage.