

Biblical Pattern for Marriage - Christ and the Church

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Ephesians 5:22-33

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Ephesians Theme: The Eternal Plan of God

Ephesians Outline

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| I. | Position of the Christian | Ephesians 1-3 |
| II. | Practice of the Christian | Ephesians 4-6 |

Ephesians Theme Verse: Ephesians 4:1 - ¹Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Passage Theme Statement: The biblical model for the marriage relationship is Christ and His Church. Just as the Church is subject to Christ, so the wife is to be subject to her own husband. And just as Christ loved the Church to the point of dying for her salvation, so the husband is to unconditionally love his own wife.

Passage Key Verse: Ephesians 5:32–33 - 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.

Ephesians 4:1 - ¹Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to **walk** in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Ephesians 4:17 - ¹⁷So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you **walk** no longer just as the Gentiles also **walk**, in the futility of their mind,

Ephesians 5:2 - ²and **walk** in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5:8 - ⁸for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; **walk** as children of Light

Ephesians 5:15 - ¹⁵Therefore be careful how you **walk**, not as unwise men but as wise.

Bible passages on the Husband/Wife relationship

Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:1-7; 1 Corinthians 7:3-4; Titus 2:1-8

Ephesians 5:22-24

- I. The first command - Wives _____ to your own husbands as to _____ - v. 22
 - A. Fact - The husband is the _____ of the wife like Christ is head of the _____ - v. 23
 - B. Action - The _____ is to submit to her _____ like the _____ submits to _____ - v. 24

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- II. The second command - Husbands, _____ your wives just as Christ _____ the church - v. 25
 - A. Christ's Love for the Church is a _____ Love - v. 25
 - B. Christ's Love for the Church is a _____ Love - v. 26-27
 - C. Christ's Love for the Church is a _____ Love - v. 28-30
 - D. Christ's Love for the Church is a _____ Love - v. 31

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III. Application

- A. Husbands love your own wife even as yourself and as Christ loved the church - v. 33a
- B. Wives respect your own husband as the church respects Christ - v. 33b
- C. All believers in Christ are to live in submission to the head of the church, Jesus Christ - Ephesians 5:24
- D. Every unbeliever is called to repent and believe the gospel for salvation - Mark 1:15; Acts 4:12