

## Ephesians 5:22-33

### Discussion Questions

1. What is the picture that God wants to display to the world through Christian marriage?

*Christ and the Church's relationship*

What is an absolute necessity for the wives to fulfill her role and the husband to fulfill his, according to Ephesians 5:18 and 21? *We absolutely need to be in a relationship with the Holy Spirit....allowing for His power and strength to help us.*

2. What are the two targets that wives are to strive for? *Recognizing the headship of her husband and respecting him.....*

The Bible uses the word, "submit" for the wives, and this is totally out of fashion today. And as Christians in context of women in many cultures being treated like servants and many husbands in our culture abusing their headship, submission cannot mean being abused..... Jesus Christ treated women with courtesy and honor in an age in which they were despised and abused.

What then does Paul mean by telling wives to submit to their husband's headship, what does that look like?

3. List as many ways as you can think of how Christ loved His Church.....

4. What are the four targets' husbands should strive for in vs 25 – 29 concerning his wife?

*A. They are to love their wives sacrificially. B. Make her holy (set apart as God's beloved)*

*C. Wash her and cleanse her, encouraging her righteousness as God's beloved D.*

*Nourishing her as he would his own body, after the Lord, she is his priority.*

5. Apart from any kind of abuse, what is a wife called to do if she has married an unbeliever according to 1 Peter 3: 1-7?

6. Knowing what marriage is supposed to look like, how important is it to teach our children 2 Corinthians 6:14-18?