

Paul's Epistles – Ephesians & Families

The New Testament * Week 25 * Opening and closing prayer: For Families, BCP 828

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I. “Therefore.” Ephesians 4:25 – From here through 5:21, Paul gets practical:

II. How to live in most intimate relationship in life: with spouse in Marriage. Key word: “submit.”

A. Where does this section begin? Verse 22? NO! Verse 21!

1. “Submit” = “Adapt/Roll with/Flex with/Bear with/Support and encourage/Help.”
2. NOT “doormat,” “slave,” “one to be used and abused,” “underling,” “inferior,” “staff”
3. How does this usually work? See following...

B. Verses 22-24 – 3 measly verses! While guys have 6!

C. Verses 25-31 – Wait a minute!

1. “Love” – 1 Corinthians 13
2. Why “husbands love” and “wives submit and respect?”
 - a) Our needs:
 - b) Our strengths:
 - c) Our difficulties:
3. “Love as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for her.”
4. “To make her holy.”
5. “Cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.”
6. “To Present her to himself as a radiant church...”
7. “Love wives as own body.”
8. “Leave, unite, one flesh.”

D. NOW look at Verses 22-24 –

1. “As to the Lord.”
2. What does our “head” do?
3. IF husband is “loving”...
4. IF wife respects and submits...
5. GUYS!

E. Verse 32-33 – Marriage to reflect our relationship with God. Husbands love, wives respect.

III. Ephesians 6:1-4 -- Parents and Children

A. Children obey, as 5th commandment

B. Parents, don't “exasperate:”

1. Be consistent.
2. Set clear boundaries
3. Set clear consequences
4. Listen
5. Tell about when I was their age
6. Be example in faith, hope, love, morals, character, and integrity.

Preparation for next week: Read Luke 1-12