

The Believer's Family (pt. 9)

The Mystery of Marriage

Ephesians 5:22-33 (NASB)

²² Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

²³ For 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.

²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

²⁷ that 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.

²⁸ So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

²⁹ for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

³⁰ because we are members of His body.

³¹ FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

³² **This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.**

³³ Nevertheless, 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.

1. God's main mission is _____ to rule us (yet he does), shepherd us (yet he does), guide us (yet he does), it is to _____ us. Revelation 19:7-8, 21:2.

2. If we are Christ's future _____, then we can understand how He _____ about us. Isaiah 62:5; Matthew 9:14-15.

3. If we are Christ's future spouse than we can understand what kind of _____ we _____ have with Him. Mark 12:28-30; Jeremiah 2:32.

4. If we are Christ's future spouse than we can understand what _____ is:

- a. Sin is _____. Sin is _____ anything _____ than God or _____ your heart to another besides God. James 4:4; 1 John 2:15; Ezekiel 16:13-15, 17, 26, 28, 32-34; 2 Corinthians 11:2.

b. Sin is not about breaking the rules, it is about _____ on the _____ of God. **Ephesians 4:30.**

5. If we are Christ's future spouse than we can understand our _____
_____. **2 Corinthians 1:21-22.**

a. What would God deny us after _____ us His _____.

6. If we are Christ's future spouse than we can understand the _____ when the _____ comes. **Revelation 19:7-8.**

a. God did not create _____ to only _____ yourself to your _____
_____. God created sex as a _____ to what it is going to
be like to _____ with Him in Heaven. **Ezekiel 16:8; 1 John 3:2; Ephesians 5:31-32.**