

SUBMIT OUT OF REVERENCE FOR CHRIST

Ephesians 5:21-33

Key verse: 21

Discussion questions:

- How does Christ enable us to submit to one another?
- How is the relationship between Jesus and the church compared to that of marriage?

Inductive study questions:

1. What does Paul exhort the Ephesian Christians to do? (21) Why might this be difficult? What does it mean to revere Christ?
2. What can we learn about the roles of the wife and husband? (22-23) What important attitude is required in the wife's role? (24) How is this attitude found in the church?
3. What is the command given to husbands? (25) How and to what end does Christ exhibit this to the church? (26-27) What does it mean to treat your wife as your own body? (28-30)
4. What is God's original purpose in marriage? (31; Gen 2:24) How is this related to Christ and the church?