

August 29th, 2021 Summer Bible Study (Pentecost 14)

Sermon: Ephesians 5:21-31

²¹ ...and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.”

Theme: God’s Plan for a Healthy Marriage

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Ephesians Summary

“PRAISE GOD! WE ARE HIS CHURCH!”

Greeting (1:1-2)

I. The Church praises God for what He has done. (chapters 1-3)

II. The Church praises God by what it does

A. The Church practices its unity in Christ (4:1-16)

B. The Church lives as children of God (4:17 – 6:9)

C. The Church takes its stand with the armor of God (6:10-18)

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Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

1. **Over the next several verses Paul addresses six groups of people (Wives, Husbands, Children, Fathers, Slaves and Masters). He tells each group to submit. Is submission natural for us as humans? Why are we willing to submit to others?**

