

**Ephesians 5:22-33**

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) The family can only be what God has designed it to be when members of the family are what God designed them to be...“conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29).
- 2) *5:22-24* Just as the Son is submissive to the Father in function but equal to Him in nature and essence, wives are to be submissive to their husbands while being completely equal to them in moral and spiritual nature.
- 3) A wife properly submitting to her husband - submits **to the Lord**
- 4) *5:24* A wife who willingly and lovingly responds to her husband’s leadership as to the Lord is an honor to her Lord, her husband, her family, her church, and herself.
- 5) *5:24* The relationship between husband and wife should be so bathed in humility and submission that the authority becomes almost invisible, and the submission of the wife is no more than acting in the spirit of gracious love.
- 6) *5:25* Paul lifted married love to the highest level possible, for he saw in the Christian home an illustration of the relationship between Christ and the church.
- 7) *5:25* God commands this kind of love from those who belong to Him because He has given us the capacity to love as He loves (Romans 5:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:9).
- 8) *5:25* Loving as Christ loves does not depend on who others are, but entirely on who we are in Christ.
- 9) *5:31* God’s standard for marriage did not change from the time of Adam to the time of Paul...and it has not changed to this day.

10) *5:32* Christian marriage is to be loving, holy, pure, self-sacrificing, and mutually submissive because those virtues characterize the relationship of Christ and the church.

11) *5:25-31* A husband who gives his wife Christ-like love, courtesy, and honor contributes to the beauty and strength of his biblical marriage and gives an immeasurable example and legacy to his children and grandchildren.

**GREEK WORDS**

Hupotassō—military term [means to relinquish one’s rights]  
Proskollaō—(cleave) literal [to be glued] :- cemented together

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