

Study of Ephesians – Ephesians 5:22-33

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Compare to...

Col 3:18-4:1

Picks up directly from verses 18-21, where Paul says that being "filled with the Spirit" (18) will help us in: "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." (22)

Wives Submit

-Col 3:18

-Everything Paul says is within the context of a Christian marriage. He is not implying that women are inferior to men or that all women should be subject to men.

-The submission is voluntary, not forced.

-The Christian wife who promises to obey does so because her vow is "as to the Lord."

I. Wives Submit (22-24)

Reflection of Church Submitting to Christ

ΣΥΜΠΡΟΪΚΤΟΝ ΤΩ ΧΥΡΙΣΤΩ

Head of the Church

-Eph 1:22; 4:4-16; 5:23
-Col 1:18

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

1Co 11:3 "But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God."

23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. No effective organization can function without a head.

24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

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

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

Baptism > Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16

27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Purity > Zech 3:3-5; Rev 7:13-14

28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

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

The Church IS Christ's Body

30 because we are members of his body.

Husband and Wife ARE ONE FLESH

31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <- Gen 2:24

Marriage takes precedent over EVERY other human relationship

32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Husbands Love

-Col 3:19

-ἀγαπάω (agapaō)

-Sacrificial / selfless love: This is the most distinctively Christian word for love.

-Expression of the love of God in Christ extended to the church

-In Greco-Roman society it was recognized that wives had obligations to their husbands, but not vice versa.

-Paul introduces a revolutionary approach to marriage that equalized the rights of wives and husbands

- Paul's model is based on a principle of mutual love (28) and respect (33) grounded in the creation story (31)

II. Husbands Love (25-33)

Reflection of Christ's Love for His Church

ΓΟΛΩ ΓΙΩΤ ΗΤΩ ΧΥΡΙΣΤΩ

Christ "gave himself up" for his church to:

- Sanctify Her (26)
- Present Her (27)

Mystery (mystērion)

As used in the NT does not mean "enigma," but refers to God's plan of salvation, which was formerly kept secret but is now revealed in Christ.

-Ro 16:25
-1Co 4:1
-Eph 1:9; 3:3-9; 5:32; 6:19
-Col 1:26; 2:2

Mystery (mystērion)

Genesis 2:24 contains a more profound truth than was realized until Christ came to win his bride, the church, by giving himself for her on the cross (v. 25)

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Colossians 3:18–4:1 (ESV)

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

¹ Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Wives Submit

Colossians 3:18 (ESV)

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1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

³ But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

Head of the Church

Ephesians 1:22 (ESV)

²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

Ephesians 4:4–16 (ESV)

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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Ephesians 5:23 (ESV)

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Colossians 1:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Husbands Love

Colossians 3:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

26 ἀγαπάω (*agapaō*): vb.; ≡ DBLHebr 170; Str 25; TDNT 1.21—**1.** LN 25.43 **love**, (Jn 13:34–35); **2.** LN 25.44 **show love**, demonstrate love (1Jn 3:17); **3.** LN 25.104 **take pleasure in**, to love based on its regarded value (Jn 12:43)¹

25. ἀγαπάω *agapaō*; of unc. or.; *to love*:—beloved(8), felt a love for(1), love(1), love(75), loved(38), loves(20).²

Washing of Water (Baptism)

Mark 16:15–16 (ESV)

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.**

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

Purity / Clothing

Zechariah 3:3–5 (ESV)

³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.” ⁵ And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by.

¹ Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)*. Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

² Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

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Revelation 7:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

One Flesh

Genesis 2:23–24 (ESV)

²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Mystery

mystery In Paul’s writings, the word *mystērion* refers to God’s plan of salvation, which was formerly kept secret but is now revealed in Christ. This plan includes the unification of Jews and Gentiles into one new people of God (3:3, 5–6, 9).³

3696 μυστήριον (*mystērion*), ου (*ou*), τό (*to*): n.neu.; ≡ DBLArAm 10661; Str 3466; TDNT 4.802—LN 28.77 **a secret**, a mystery (Mk 4:11; Ro 11:25; 16:25; 1Co 2:1; 4:1; 13:2; 14:2; 15:51; Eph 1:9; 6:19; Col 1:26; 2:2; 2Th 2:7; 1Ti 3:9; Rev 17:5)⁴

3466. μυστήριον *mustērion*; from μύστης *mustēs* (*one initiated*); from 3453; *a mystery or secret doctrine*:—mysteries(5), mystery(22).⁵

Romans 16:25 (ESV)

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

1 Corinthians 4:1 (ESV)

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

³ Barry, J. D., Grigoni, M. R., Heiser, M. S., Custis, M., Mangum, D., & Whitehead, M. M. (2012). *Faithlife Study Bible* (Eph 1:9). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

⁴ Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)* (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

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Ephesians 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

Ephesians 3:3–9 (ESV)

³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,

Ephesians 5:32 (ESV)

³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Ephesians 6:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

Colossians 1:26 (ESV)

²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

Colossians 2:2 (ESV)

² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,