

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Christian Marriage, Part 2

Ephesians 5: 22-33

January 17, 2021

| Sermon Text | Sermon Notes |
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| <p>Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [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. [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, [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. [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, [30] because we are members of his body. [31] “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” [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.</p> | <p><i>With marriage as a metaphor for Christ and the Church, we have clear and helpful direction for wives and husbands.</i></p> <p>I. What is the special role of the husband?</p> <p>II. What does “love your wives” mean?</p> <p>III. How is marriage a picture of Christ and the Church?</p> <p>Memory verses for 2021-</p> <p>Ephesians 5:15-21</p> <p>[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,</p> <p>[16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.</p> <p>[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.</p> <p>[18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,</p> <p>[19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,</p> <p>[20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>[21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.</p> |

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Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss what it means for the husband to be the "head" of the wife?

2. What does it mean that the husband functions and leader? Savior? Discipler?

3. Discuss this statement from John Stott-

"A Christian husband who even partially fulfills this ideal preaches the gospel without ever opening his lips, for people can see in him that quality of love which took Jesus Christ to his cross."

4. How is marriage a picture of Christ and the Church?

5. Discuss this statement from Bryan Chapell-

"A husband's love for his wife is intimately tied to his knowledge of Christ's love for us.

If a husband or a wife is not secure in Christ's love- if we need control over another to have some confidence in ourselves- then we cannot love as Christ requires. We will have no resources to serve another if we are not sure of our standing in him.

His love is relational fuel.

If we are running on empty (not filled with the knowledge of his love for us), then we will inevitably suck personal energy from the life of our marriage.

Only when our hearts are brimming with the knowledge of his grace do we have the resources we need to maintain Christian marriage. Without a sure relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, we simply do not have the security or strength necessary to sacrifice for the good of another.

Ultimately the only resource we have that enables us to love as Christ requires is his own love."

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: