

Application

4. What are some things that you plan to do this week to show that you are living a life of submission in your relations with others?

5. Not everyone in the body is married, but all are given the command to “submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (v. 21) Single people in a group, what are some practical things that you can do to demonstrate love and submission, knowing how much Christ loves His church? Married people, what are some practical things that you can do to show single Christians that you love and accept them, just as Christ loves His church?

SUBMITTING TO CHRIST AS HUSBAND AND WIFE Ephesians 5:22-33

”Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave.”

-Martin Luther

Ephesians 5:22-24 A wife's submission to Christ in marriage is to place herself under her husband.

Submission is not:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

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Ephesians 5:25-28 A husband's submission to Christ in marriage is to sacrificially love his wife.

What is Christ's love like?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Ephesians 5:29-32 A husband's love is recognizable by his tenderness and intimacy with his wife.

Nourishes – Ephesians 6:4

Cherishes – 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9

Ephesians 5:33 Husbands and wives help each other submit to Christ.

Getting to Know You

1. If you could take three books, besides the Bible, to a desert island, what would they be?

Into the Bible

2. Submission in marriage is a subject for which all of us bring preconceived ideas to our study of the Bible. What are some preconceptions that you have had to give up as you study what Ephesians 5 really means?
3. Philippians 2:8 and John 15:13 are two of many passages that speak of the sacrificial love Jesus showed to redeem his church. What are the characteristics of sacrificial love that you draw from these and other parallel passages? Try to list some that Patrick didn't have time to cover in his sermon!