

## Bible Study #4 Ephesians 5:22-33

**A. Instructions for Wives. Ephesians 5:22-24.** Ephesians is the name of a letter that an important leader in the early church named Paul wrote. He wrote this letter to Christians in the city of Ephesus (in modern day Turkey). What Paul wrote was exactly what God wanted those Christians (and all Christians of all ages) to hear and obey.

1. What does God (through Paul) ask all wives to do (Eph. 5:22a)?
2. What does the word “submit” mean?
3. What attitude are the wives to have as they do this (Eph. 5:22b)?
4. What reason does God (through Paul) give for why wives are to submit to their husbands (Eph. 5:23a)?
5. What is the relation of Jesus Christ to the church (Eph. 5:23b)? (The word “church” here refers to all people everywhere who have trusted in Jesus Christ to forgive them of their sins.)
6. There is a comparison here. What phrase expresses the care that Jesus Christ uses in looking after the best interests of the church (Eph. 5:23c)? (Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.)
7. What word expresses the responsibility the church has to Christ (Eph. 5:24a)?
8. What is the responsibility that wives have toward their husbands in the same way that the church has toward Christ (Eph. 5:24b)?

1 The husband is the head	3 in the same way that	4 Jesus Christ is the head	6 Jesus Christ is the Savior
2 of his wife		5 of His church and	7 of His body (the church)

2 to Jesus Christ	3 so	5 to their own husbands.
1 Just as the church is subject		4 let the wives be in everything

## B. Instructions for Husbands. Ephesians 5:25-31.

1. What are husbands commanded to do toward their wives (Eph. 5:25a)?
2. Husbands are to act toward their wives in the same way that \_\_\_\_\_ also loved the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:25b).
3. How did Jesus demonstrate His love for the church (Eph. 5:25c)?
4. Why did Jesus die for the church (Eph. 5:26)? (Answers are in a, b, and c below.)
  - a. S \_\_\_\_\_ means “set her apart for Himself.”
  - b. C \_\_\_\_\_ means “get rid of her sin.”
  - c. “The washing of water by the word” means cleaning up the church through what Jesus says, which is written down in the B \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Right now Jesus is in the process of purifying and cleaning up His church. He has been working at this task for almost 2000 years. What does He plan to do in the future (Eph. 5:27)?
6. In the same way that Jesus acts toward His church, husbands are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ their own \_\_\_\_\_ as their own \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:28a).
7. If a man loves his wife, he also loves \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:28b).
8. How does a man act toward his own body (Eph. 5:29a).
9. This is just how the Lord acts toward the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:29b).
10. What is the relationship that we who have trusted in Jesus have towards Him (Eph. 5:30)
11. Whom is a man to leave (Eph. 5:31a)?
12. To whom is he to be joined (Eph. 5:31b)?
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall become \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:31c).
14. What is the great mystery (Eph. 5:32)?

### C. The Conclusion. Ephesians 5:33.

1. Each man is to do what?
2. Each wife is to do what?

1 Husbands, love	3 just as	4 Christ loved and gave himself for
2 your wives		5 the church

1 Husbands, love	3 just as	4 husbands take care of
2 your wives		5 their own bodies