

Sermon Title:

"The Marriage Mystery"

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Sermon Text:

Ephesians 5:22-33

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Introduction:



★ **Principle:** *God has established certain institutions in this world which are _____ symbols of _____ realities.*

★ There are two things that we need to understand about the Mystery of Marriage:

I. Christian Wives Are Called Upon To Reflect The _____ Of The Church To Christ (5:22-24, 33b)

➤ As we examine these verses together, there are several significant considerations that must be made:

A. The _____ of submission (v. 22a)

- The word translated "**subject**" means "to _____; to be _____; or to _____ to."
- **Colossians 3:18**
- *"The wife is not a child, and she is certainly not a slave! She doesn't stand in the center of the house awaiting commands!"*
- **Submission is not putting yourself below your _____, it's putting yourself below the _____ that God has for your marriage, and for your life.**
- Paul goes on to say, "*to your own husbands.*" This defines the _____ of a wife's submission.

Summary: *The role of the wife is to manifest the type of submission to her husband that will resemble the _____ submission to her Lord and Savior.*

B. The _____ of submission (v. 22b)

- **"as to the Lord"** doesn't mean that a wife should submit to her husband as if he were _____ Himself! And it doesn't mean that a wife should submit to her husband *only as long as* he does what the _____ wants.
- **So what does "as to the Lord" mean?.**

"With the same level of devotion that you give the Lord, submit to your husband – not only when he plays his role well, but even when he doesn't!"

C. The _____ of submission (v. 23a)

- When Paul says that the husband is “*the head of the wife,*” the idea that he is communicating is that of _____ and _____.
- **Where a wife doesn’t submit, there is _____, _____, and _____.**

“For a wife to say that she doesn’t want her husband to be her ‘head’ is like a Christian saying that they don’t want Jesus to be their ‘head.’”

D. The _____ of submission (vv. 23b-24a)

- What Paul is saying is that wives are to submit to their husbands as the church submits to Christ.
- In the same complete, non-grudging, joyful way in which the _____ is to submit to _____, so _____ are to submit to their _____.

“When we follow God’s plan, we will have happier homes, godlier children, fewer divorces, and God will be honored, and the Word of God will not be blasphemed!”

E. The _____ of submission (v. 24)

- The wife does not have to submit to a request to _____. (Acts 5:29)
- Submission has nothing to do with a husband’s giftedness, or his worthiness! It has everything to do with _____ the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **What is the key to doing this?** (v. 18)
- I Peter 2:20-3:1

Conclusion:

These roles are not a reflection on us as persons, but rather are a reflection of _____ on His _____!

