

Sermon Title:

"The Marriage Mystery"

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Sermon Text:

Ephesians 5:22-33

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Introduction:



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

I. Christian Wives Are Called Upon To Reflect The Gentle Submission Of The Church To Christ

(5:22-24, 33b)

- A. The examination of submission (v. 22a)
- B. The expression of submission (v. 22b)
- C. The explanation of submission (v. 23a)
- D. The example of submission (v. 23b-24a)
- E. The extent of submission (v. 24)

II. Christian Husbands Are Called Upon To Reflect The Loving Leadership Of Christ Over The Church (5:25-33a)

➤ Paul says two things to husbands about their mission in marriage:

A. Husbands, love your wives (v. 25a)

- Christ's love for the church is shown in three ways:

1. Christ's love is a _____ love (v. 25b)

"When we love our wives with the kind of love which Christ has for His church, we love them – and comparatively speaking – 'hate' all others."

- A _____ marriage doesn't please God. It doesn't fulfill His _____!
- *This kind of love is not only _____, but it is also to be _____.*

2. Christ's love is a _____ love (v. 25c)

- Philippians 2:5-8
- *The word agape has little to do with _____; it has much to do with _____ - _____; it is more a matter of the _____ than the _____; it doesn't have much to do with _____ - it has to do with _____.*
- Acts 20:28; Romans 5:8; Romans 8:35-39; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 5:21

3. **Christ's love is a _____ love** (vv. 26-27)

- **Christ is the _____ of the church!**

“Husbands, we are to love our wives in such a way that we work toward their godliness. We are to do everything we can to lead them to holiness and to purity.”

- **The Word is a _____ for our sanctification.** (John 17:17; Titus 3:5)
- The bottom line is that as husbands, we can and we must take an active, caring interest in our wives' _____!
- **What is the meaning of vv. 28-29?**

Conclusion:

Now the million-dollar question – who is supposed to make the first move?

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.