

I. Submit Yourselves to One Another (Ephesians 5:21a)

- Two weeks – we ended looked at Ephesians 5:16-21 Walk in Wisdom

I. Submitting One to Another (5:21a)

- Submitting to one another can only be done by one “filled with the Spirit”

• A. Negative Aspects Working Against Submitting to One- Another

1. Thoughtless
2. Selfish/ self-centred
3. Opinionated
4. Lording it over

B. Positive aspects of Submitting to One Another

1. Knowing and understanding the truth about ourselves
2. Realizing we are members together of one body
3. Willing to suffer injustice, hardship for the truth & sake of the body

II. Out of Fear or Reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21b) Part II

A. The “Fear of Christ” the General Motivation in all our Obedience

1. **Negatively:** to not submit to one another is rebellion against Christ
2. Our submission: from a higher motivation than obedience to the Law

B. Christ’s Clear Example and Plain Teaching

1. Jesus exemplifies submitting one to another & teaches it plainly
2. Submitting to one another out of fear of Christ – shows true gratitude
3. ‘The fear of the Lord’ – means we seek to honor and reverence Him

C. Biblical Foundation and Warrant

D. Conclusion and closing encouragement