

Submission in Marriage

Ephesians 5:22-24

Ephesians is about what God has done to save His people from the ravages of sin.

Chapters 4 and following are what the new community looks like.

Authority does not mean tyranny.

Submission does not mean inferiority.

Submission is a humble recognition of God's wise and loving providential order.

The Command

Wives must submit to their own husbands.

Wives must acknowledge, follow and respect the headship of the husband.

Not to every man, but to your own husband.

As to the Lord

The Lord has asked you to submit to your husband.

Notice that *Paul is appealing to the wives*.

The Reason

Husband is the head of the wife.

Why is this headship given to the man?

(1 Corinthians 11:3-12; 1 Timothy 2:11-13; Genesis 2; 1 Corinthians 11:8-9)

Man and wife are equal but different.

The Extent of Submission

In everything

What are the exceptions?

Application