

“Saving Our Children” / Ephesian 5:18-6:4 / “Living A Shared Life”

I. Submission for the Husband - 5:25-33

A. Why the Husband Needs the Spirit’s Completion (Filling)

1. What is a man like at the 1st stage of marriage?
 - a. He thinks he is the prize - Pr 18:22
 - b. He is s____-oriented
 - c. Pretty clueless on n_____ relationships
2. What does the next stage look like?
 - a. He doesn’t understand why she is complaining after he bring home the paycheck and buys her things
 - b. He feels like g_____ trying b/c there is no pleasing her
 - c. His communication skills have yet to d_____.

B. The Example of what the husband’s Submission looks like - Christ Loving the Church

1. G_____ Himself for her
 - a. left the glories of heaven to become flesh - Phil 2:5-8; Heb 4:14-15
 - b. laid down his life - Jo 10:15, 17-18
2. that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
 - a. sanctify - to make holy, purify or consecrate; to venerate:- hallow, be holy, sanctify.
 - b. cleanse - to cleanse (make) clean(-se), purge, purify.
 - c. the washing of water by the word - Eze 36:25-26; Jo 3:5; 15:3; 17:17; Tit 3:5; Heb 10:22; 1Jo 5:6
3. that He might present her to H_____ a glorious church, - Heb 7:26
 - a. in glory, splendid, noble:--glorious, gorgeous(-ly), honorable.
 - b. not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, - Eph 1:4; Col 1:22
 - ii. a stain or blemish, defect, disgrace:--spot.
 - iii. a fold (as drawing together), a wrinkle (on the face)

- c. but that she should be holy and without blemish.
 - i. sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, consecrated):--(most) holy (one, thing), saint.
 - ii. unblemished:--without blame (blemish, fault, spot), faultless, unblameable.

4. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. - vs 30; Ro 12:5; 1Co 6:15; 12:27

5. This is a great m _____, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. - vs 32

C. What the husband is C _____ to do and be - vs 25-33

1. Love, Just as Christ love /and gave Himself for her - Mt 10:39; 16:25

- a. with a self-s _____ love - Eph 5:25;
- b. do not be b _____ toward them. - Col 3:19

2. Dwell with her with u _____ - 1 Pe 3:7; Ps 103:14

- a. giving honor to the wife,
 - i. as to the w _____ vessel,
 - ii. as being heirs t _____ of the grace of life
- b. that your prayers may not be h _____.

3. Rendering to his wife the affection d _____ her - 1 Co 7:3-5

- a. does not have authority over his own body
- b. no depriving one another except with consent
 - i. for a time, giving yourselves to fasting and prayer;
 - ii. come together again
 - so that Satan does not t _____ you
 - because of your lack of self-c _____.

4. Love her as his own body - vs 27-29

- a. he who loves his wife loves h _____.
- b. For no one ever hated his own flesh,
 - i. nourishes - to rear up to maturity, to cherish or train
 - ii. cherishes - to brood, to foster:--cherish.

5. Establishing His own I _____ family - vs 30-31

- a. to leave down, behind; to abandon, forsake, leave
- b. joined - to glue to, to adhere:--cleave, join (self).

D. Conclusion - Nevertheless let each one of you in particular love his own wife as himself, - vs 33a