

The Wife's Joyful Submission

Ephesians 5:22-24

I. Introduction

II. The Mystery of Marriage. vv. 22-33

A. Marriage was instituted by God. vv. 31-32 (Gen. 2:18-25)

III. The Matter of Submission. v. 22

A. This admonition is not optional. (Col. 3:18, Gen 3:16, 4:7, Rom. 13:1)

B. What submission is not. (Eph. 5:21, 1 Pet. 5:5, Prov. 31:26, 1 Pet. 3:7, Lk. 2:51, Jn. 5:30, 1 Cor. 11:3, Gal. 3:28)

C. God-designed Biblical submission is a beautiful thing. (Col. 3:18, 1 Pet. 3:1, Tit. 2:5, Gen. 1:27)

D. Biblical submission positively. (1 Pet. 3:1, Jn. 14:15, 1 Pet. 3:6, Jn. 4:34, Ps. 40:7-8, Pro. 31:13)

IV. The Motive of Submission. v. 23a

A. The husband is the head of the women as Christ is the church. (Eph. 1:22, 1 Pet. 3:1-4, Col. 1:18, Col. 3:18, Rom. 7:2)

V. The Model of Submission. vv. 23b-24

A. Jesus is the ultimate model of submission. v. 23b (1 Cor. 11:3)

B. An excellent and vivid picture. v. 24 (Acts 5:29, Prov. 31:11, Prov. 31:26, Phil. 4:4)

VI. Conclusion / Application