

## **Review Questions**

Before tackling "the marriage section", review and examine the context for this passage.

1. In chapters 1-3, what has Paul told us about our identity in Christ, our calling, and the barriers between people?
2. In Chapter 4, what did he write about the church, how the body functions and individual calling?
3. In Chapter 4-5, what did he write about how we are to walk wisely?
4. What does this imply about Paul's view of people under someone else's authority?
5. What can you conclude about role and identity?

## **Ephesians 5:21-33**

5:22 Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

5:29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

5:30 because we are members of His body.

5:31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

5:32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

5:33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

## **Questions Ephesians 5:21-24**

6. How is the wife to relate to her husband? (vs. 22-24) In what way? Why?
  
7. How is the husband to relate to his wife? (vs. 25-31) In what way? Why?
  
8. How does Christ's relationship to the church relate here? (vs. 32-33) What does Christ's example teach us in this context?