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Sunday, September 27, 2026



sermon: "Walking in Submission" Part 1 - Ephesians 5:21-33

Big Idea: When we consider God's Word and Christ's example, we see that submission is more about service and sacrifice than it is about power and authority.

I. Mutual Submission (v. 21)

- A. Verse 21 acts as a bridge between how we walk in fellowship and how we walk at home. Understanding both are essential to how we are to behave in a Christlike manner in all areas of life (cf. Eph. 4:1-2).
- B. Understanding submission from a Biblical context is key to its proper application:
 - 1. Submission (*Hupotasso* in Greek) means to place or rank under in an orderly fashion (v. 23; cf. Jn. 5:30; 8:28-29).
 - 2. Mutual submission means we are called to develop an attitude of service that reflects love, sacrifice, and order. Properly understood, submission emphasizes humility rather than pride (cf. Jn. 13:12-17).

II. Wives to Husbands (vv. 22-24, 33)

- A. In these verses, we see that the role of submission in the home and the relationship between husband and wife is to reflect the relationship between Christ and the church (vv. 22-25).
- B. From wives to husbands, we see:
 - 1. An attitude of responsiveness (v. 22).
 - 2. An emphasis on order (v. 23; cf. Matt. 3:13-17).
 - 3. An attitude of respect (v. 24, 33).

III. Husbands to Wives (vv. 25-33)

- A. Husbands are instructed to love their wives as Christ loved the church. This is a high call that emphasizes:
 - 1. An attitude of sacrificial love (vv. 2; 25, 28-30, 33).
 - 2. An emphasis on sacrificial leadership (vv. 26-28; cf. Mk. 10:42-45).
 - 3. An attitude of sacrificial service (vv. 28-32).
- B. So, who's in charge? – For the Christian home that's easy: Jesus is in charge (v. 23; cf. Eph. 1:22). The goal of a husband and wife is to prayerfully discern God's will and lovingly obey it, rather than assert power and authority.

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