

Ephesians 5:22-33

These verses in Ephesians 5:22-33 are showing a comparison of a husband and wife with Christ and the local church. They are not teaching the duties of a husband and wife. They are teaching the relationship of a local church with Christ. Only a Christian wife and husband can teach this.

I. The local churches are to be in submission to Christ.

Ephesians 5: 22 “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”

Q1. Wives are to submit unto their _____ husbands, as unto the _____.

Ephesians 5: 23 “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”

Q2. The husband is the _____ of the wife as Christ is the _____ of the local churches.

Ephesians 5: 24 “Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.”

Q3. A wife is teaching that the local churches are _____ to Christ when the wife is subject to their _____ husbands.

II. The love of Christ for the local churches.

Ephesians 5: 25 “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

Q4. Christ’s _____ for the local churches is taught by _____ loving their wives.

Ephesians 5:26 “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:”

Q5. When a husband loves his wife as his body, then he will not ____ her, but _____ and _____ her.

II. The marriage of the Lamb.

Ephesians 5:30 “For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.”

Q6. When a man and a woman are married then they become ____.

Ephesians 5:32 “This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

Q7. The marriage of Christ and the church is a great _____.

Revelation 19: 7 “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”

IV. Basic principle of love for a husband and wife.

Ephesians 5:33 “Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.”

Q8. The basic principle of love is for husbands to love their _____ as themselves and the wives are to _____ their husbands.