

# Marriage - A Model Covenant, Part II

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## *Ephesians 5*

The wall of protection built around Christian marriage.

1 Pet 5:5 - *clothe* yourselves with humility

Spiritual aroma of our homes

### 1. **Union With Christ**

1. Eph 5:31-32 (Cf. John 17:20-26)
2. Be imitators of God, as beloved children. (v.1)
3. Headship and submission within the trinity.
  
4. We are SINFUL - bearing with one another as Christ bears with us.
5. Importance of an underlying unbreakable covenant.

### 2. **The Wives! - v.22-24**

1. as to the Lord - not to man (6:5-9)
2. What does “as” mean??
3. imperative vs. indicative
  1. imperative - husband is head (the car is red)
  2. indicative - wife should submit (boys ought to spit)
4. “submit in everything”
  1. Acts 4:19-20, Acts 5:29
  2. An attitude desirous of meekness and submission in everything.
5. “As the church submits to Christ”
  1. We, as the true church, desire to be led by Christ in everything.
  2. Christ submits to the father. Phil. 2:5-7
  3. 1 Pet. 3:4-6 - do not fear anything that is frightening. Allow your husband to lead! Help him to be a better leader, encourage him, strengthen him, give him wise council, and enable him to take the godly lead with mature masculinity.
6. v.33, Col 3:18 - your husband is created to desire your respect. This respect will energize and give him the confidence to lead.

### 3. **The Husbands!**

1. v.33, Col 3:19 - love your wives, your wife is created to desire your nurturing, cherishing, kind love.
2. Christ's headship of the church.
  
3. Getting under and lifting up. (Christ's condescension)
4. True humility.
5. Teaching.
6. Leading to the Father.
7. v. 31 & 32 – The profound mystery of marriage.