

Text: Ephesians 5:22-33

Topics: Love, Marriage, Submission

Ephesians: When Faith is Strong, But the Fire Isn't

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## Till Death Do Us Part

### I. The Role of Wives (22-24)

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord.

### II. The Role of Husbands (25-32)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church.

### III. The Reiteration (33)

Husbands and wives, this applies to all of you!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Why do you think God gave specific instructions for the marital relationship? Shouldn't His instructions for every believer's conduct be sufficient?

2. Can you give an example of a situation in which you find submission to another's authority difficult? Why is it difficult?

Read 1 Peter 5:5; Titus 2:9-10; Romans 13:1-2; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 5:21-22; and 1 Corinthians 11:3. Who is to be in submission, and to whom, in each of these passages? What reasons are given for the importance of submission?

Which reason to practice submission is most challenging to you? Why? How can Christ help?

3. What are the "don't-submit-to" circumstances in Gal. 5:1-4 & Acts 5:28-29? Have you been in one of these circumstances? How did you respond?

4. What kind of love is Jesus exhorting His followers to practice in Luke 6:27-36? What kind of love would He be frowning upon?

5. What commandment does Jesus cite in Matthew 22:39 and what importance does He give to it? What reason for this kind of love does John give in 1 John 3:16?

Give an example of a time you demonstrated God's love. What were the results?

6. Why would love and submission be emphasized for the marital relationship in Ephesians 5:22-33 when those concepts are already in Scripture for all relationships? (See v. 32)

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or Ephesians 5:22-33 and the sermon, for you?