

WALKING IN HARMONY
(Ephesians 5:22-6:9) pt 3

H. A Walk In Harmony (5:22-6:9)

1. The _____ & _____ of the wife in the marriage relationship, is _____ in this passage:
 - a. Wives are “to _____” to their own husband (5:22a)
 - b. Secondly, you are to “to _____” your husband - “... *let the wife see that she _____ her own husband*” (5:33b)
2. In *submitting* to & *respecting* her husband, the wife is _____ the Lord who has commanded her to do so, and she is _____ & _____ the man of the house when she does this.
3. The *basis* for these admonitions is the fact that God in His sovereign grace has _____ the man to be the _____ of the home! (5:23a)
 - The headship of the man does not mean in any way that he is _____ to the wife, but that God, in His sovereign grace, has placed the man _____ the woman _____ or _____ as head of the home.
 - The *point* of his headship & the wife’s submission is for the sake of _____ & _____ in their marriage & home.
4. Here, in Ephesians 5:23, we see the headship of the man over his wife & family is likened to _____ as _____ of His _____... “*as also Christ is head of the church and He is the savior of the body*” (5:23b)
 - Because Paul made this *parallel statement* ... it will be very _____ of us to understand the _____ of the headship of Christ over the church, so as to understand the _____ of the husband’s headship over his wife & family!

Ephesians 1:22–23

- 1) *Headship* speaks of “_____” or “_____” with either 1) authority to rule, or as its 2) source of rule in the home!
- 2) Another metaphor that is used in scripture reflecting the husband wife relationship is that the church also called the _____!
- 3) This metaphor has _____ significance as it awaits the first phase of the 2nd coming of Christ – where He comes for His Bride at the _____! (John 14:1-3; 2 Cor. 11:2; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 19:7-9b)

- How are we to view the fact that “*Christ is the savior of the body*”... in _____ to a husband & wife?
 - The word “savior” in the scriptures is _____ used to refer to _____ & Him _____ sinners who trust Him, whether in the OT or the NT. (this is not true of a husband saving His wife!)
 - But, the husband, as the head of the home, can be her _____ & _____ in other ways & some have taken vs 23 to mean that!

5. Ephesians 5:24, is a _____ of Paul’s thoughts on this topic of submission & headship in the home!

1) ... “*as the church is subject to Christ*”... & how is it subject?

2) ... “*so let the wives be to their own husbands*” ... in _____!

* This needs some qualification!

- So what is the key that is assumed true about husbands in vs 24?
- But what if this isn’t true?
- What is the heart of the matter of what Paul is saying here?
- What is not always clearly stated that should be is this:
 - 1) The wife may or may not have a _____ or even a _____ man to submit to, yet according to vs 22, they are still _____ by God to _____ to their own husband so as to please the Lord!
 - 2) The wife’s submission to this man should of their own _____ & should not be because their husband is _____ it!

And why is that?