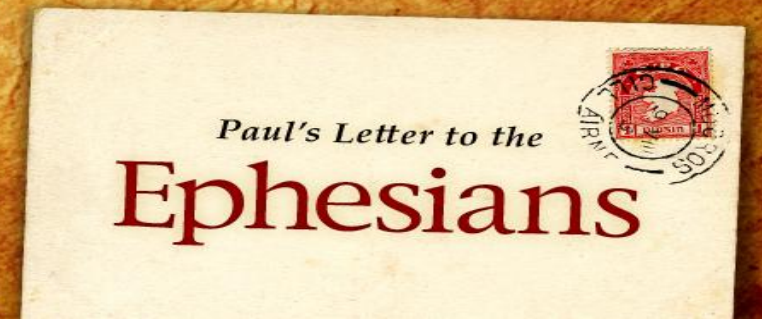


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Value of Ephesians

- Presents the purpose and plan of God for the Church
- Relation between positional truth and experiencing it in one's life – Position and Practice
- Supremacy of Christ in God's eternal plan
- Emphasizes God's sovereign grace in the lives of believers



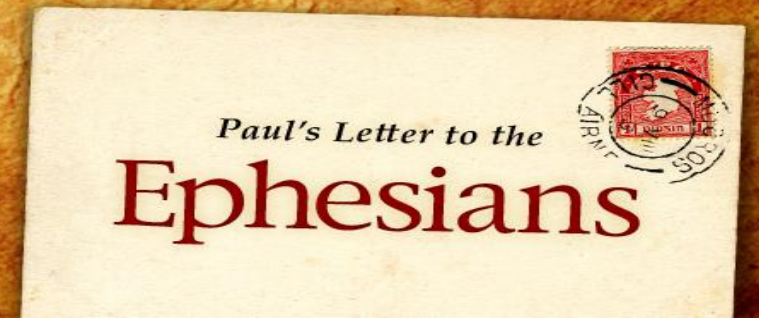
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	Our Position in Christ Section 1: What God has done for us (1) Emphasis: sovereignty Section 2: What Christ has done in us (2:1–10) Emphasis: grace Section 3: What Christ has done between us (2:11–3:21) Emphasis: reconciliation <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1–3	Our Practice on Earth Section 1: Our new unity (4:1–16) Section 2: Our new walk (4:17–6:9) Section 3: Our new strength (6:10–20) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 4–6
Introduction (1:1–2)		
Emphasis	Doctrinal: vertical relationship with God	Practical: horizontal relationship with others
Core Phrase	“He chose us in Him.” (1:4)	“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling.” (4:1)
Subjects	Declarations of heavenly truths (God’s accomplishments)	Exhortations for earthly living (Christians’ assignments)
Prayers	Paul’s prayer for Ephesians (1:15–23)	Paul’s prayer for the whole church (3:14–21) Christians’ prayers for one another (6:18–20)
Theme	The holy community God is creating and how it is to live out its calling	
Key Verses	1:9–10; 4:1–3	
Christ in Ephesians	Jesus is the source of spiritual blessing, the Cornerstone of the church, and the goal of spiritual maturity (1:3; 2:20; 4:11–16).	
		Conclusion (6:21–24)



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- What it means to be in Christ
- What it means to be one with Christ
- What it means to be a part of the body of Christ, the church of which He is the head
- What it means to be master-planned into the body before the world began



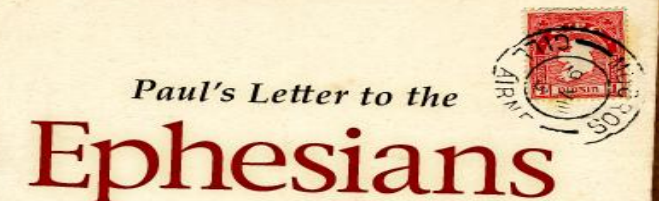
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OVERVIEW OF EPHESIANS

FOCUS	CALLING OF THE BODY		CONDUCT OF THE BODY	
REFERENCE	1	3	4	6
TOPICS	Spiritual Wealth		Spiritual Walk	
	Being: Who We Are		Doing: How We Are to Act	
	Positional Truth: Belief		Practical Truth: Behavior	
	Doctrine: No Commands		Exhortation: 35 Commands	
	Privileges of the Believer		Responsibilities of the Believer	
LOCATION	Sent from Rome to Ephesus			
TIME	A.D. 60-61			

Key Principle: Who we are in Christ should be the basis for what we do; our high and holy calling and position in the heavenly realms is the foundation and source of power for our holy conduct and practice.

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EPHESIANS 1-3

The Believer's Wealth
Our position
Being (Who We Are)
Identification with Christ
Our Calling
Being
Life in the Heavenly Places
We Are **Spiritual** Beings
Divine Sovereignty
The Foundation
Doctrine

EPHESIANS 4-6

The Believer's Walk
Our Practice
Doing (How We Live)
Imitation of Christ
Our Conduct
Becoming
Life in this Present Age
We Are **Embodied** Beings
Human Responsibility
The Superstructure
Discipline

To sum up, we are called to progressively become in our practice who we already are in our position.

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KNOWLEDGE

facts
information
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scholars

UNDERSTANDING

meaning
principles
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teachers

WISDOM

what to do next
application
action
prophets

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Ephesians 5:21-33 (KJV)

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

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.



Ephesians 5:21-33 (KJV) cont.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ,
so let the wives be to their own husbands in every
thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also
loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the
washing of water by the word,



Ephesians 5:21-33 (KJV) cont.

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:



Ephesians 5:21-33 (KJV) cont.

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.

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



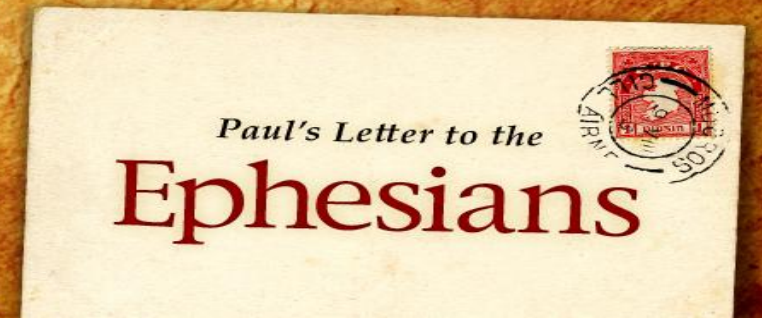
Ephesians 5:21-33 (KJV) cont.

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.



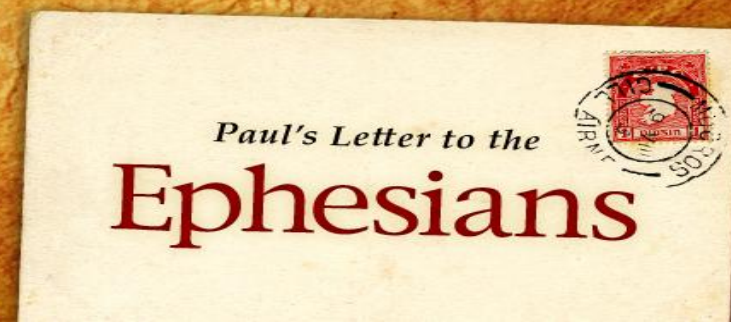
Process for Spirit-Filled Living

- **Salvation:** Christ gave His life **for us**
- **Sanctification:** Christ gives His life **to us**
- **Service:** Christ lives His life **through us – as us**



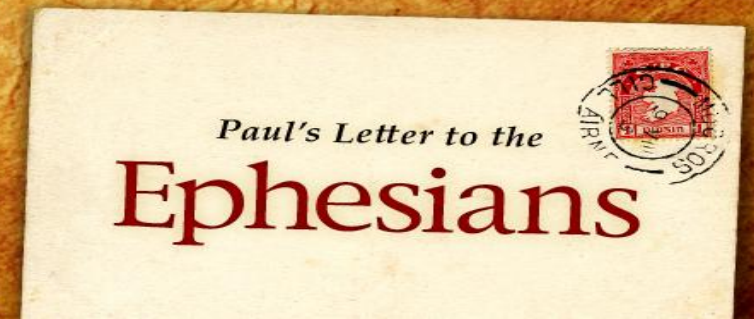
Context of Ephesians 5:21-24

- Historical and Literary Context
- Key Transition Verse:
 - “*Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*” – Ephesians 5:21



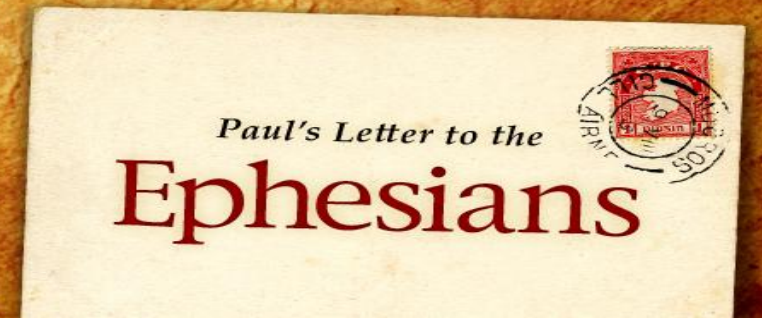
Key Exegetical Points

- Verse 21 – Mutual Submission
- Verse 22 – “Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord.”
- Verse 23 – “The husband is the head of the wife...”
- Verse 24 – “As the church submits to Christ...”



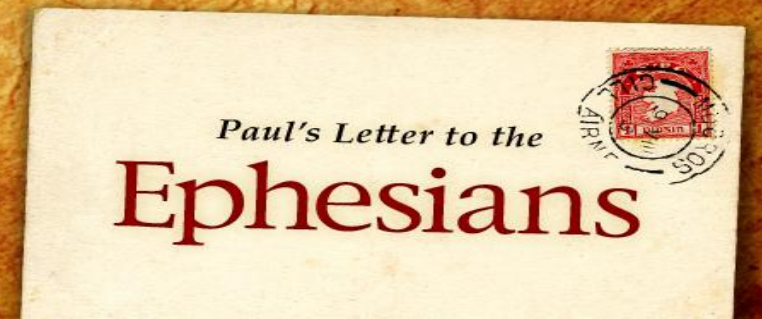
Theological Implications

1. Submission Reflects Christ's Lordship
2. Marriage Is a Gospel Picture
3. God's Design Is Ordered and Good



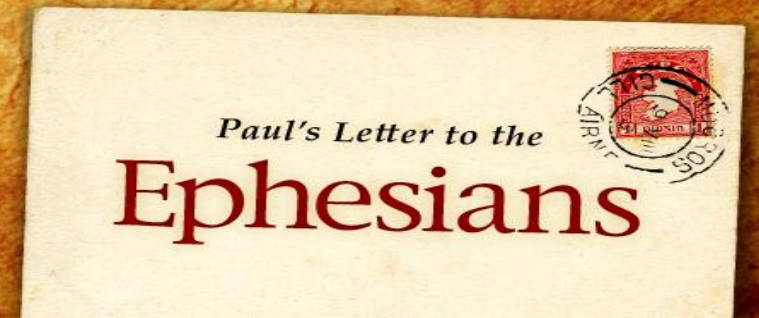
Progressive Outcomes

1. Gospel-Centered Marriages Become Witnesses
2. Spirit-Filled Homes Shape Spirit-Filled Churches
3. Reclaiming Submission in a Christ-Exalting Way



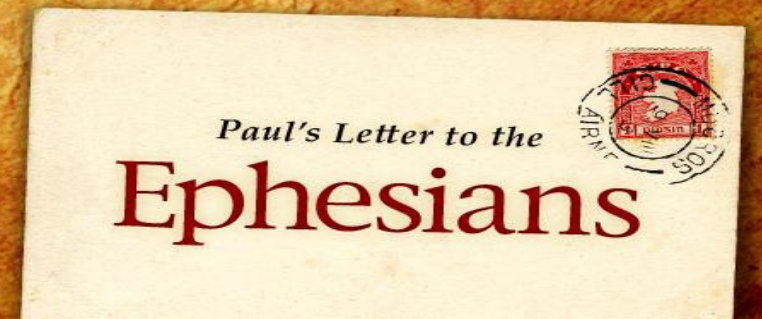
Key Takeaways

1. Mutual submission (v.21) frames all Christian relationships with humility and Christ-centeredness.
2. Wives are called to submit to their own husbands (v.22), not out of cultural pressure but as an act of worship to Christ.
3. The husband's role as "head" is modeled after Christ's sacrificial and sanctifying leadership (v.23).



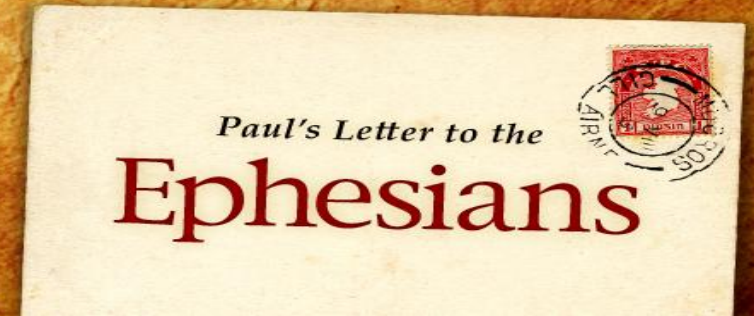
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- 4. Biblical submission is not weakness—it is spiritual strength and trust in God's design.
- 5. When marriages reflect Christ and the Church, the gospel becomes visible in everyday life.



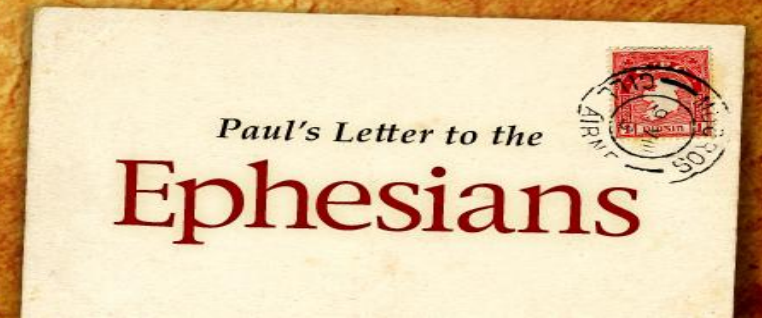
Principles from Ephesians 5:21-33

- The motive for giving deference to other Christians is our Lord. (5:21)
- A Spirit-filled wife accepts divine order in the home. (5:22)
- The wife serves her Lord by accepting her role in marriage. (5:22b)
- The principle of headship is a unifying principle in Scripture. (5:23)
- A home without a head is chaos. (5:23b)



Principles from Ephesians 5:21-33

- The Christian home should operate under divine establishment. (5:24)
- The husband is to sacrifice his own interests for cherishing his wife. (5:25)
- Through Christ's sacrificial death, He claimed the church as an exclusive and permanent relationship to Himself. (5:26)
- The church is special and exclusive to Christ. (5:27)



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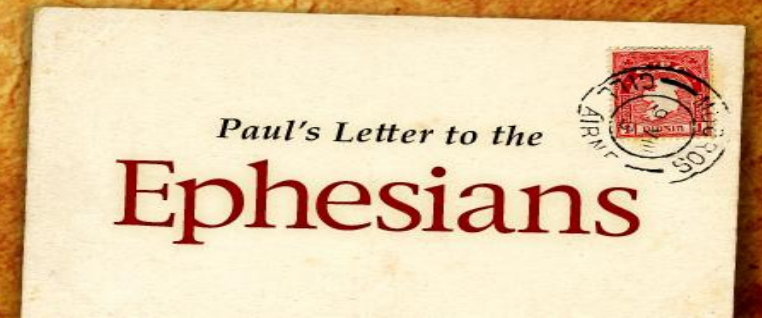
- There is the same kind of love and union between husband and wife as there is between Christ and the church. (5:28)
- Husbands should not love their wives only for what they are but for what they can be. (5:29)
- Just as Christ and the church have a community of life together, so the husband and wife have community of life together. (5:30)
- The bond between husband and wife should be the closest of all bonds between human beings. (5:31)

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Principles from Ephesians 5:21-33

- The bond between Christ and the church should be the closest in all human relationships.(5:32)
- Biblical roles in marriage support and sustain each other. (5:33)



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