

To Love and Cherish: Ephesians 5 and the Challenge of Christian Marriage – Supplemental

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A – country
 B – you
 B' – you
A' – country.

Chiasmus Eph 5:22-33b:

A v22
 B v23-24 – smaller Chiasmus
 C v25
 D v26
 E v27a
 D' v27b
 C' v28a
 B' v28b-33a – smaller Chiasmus
A' v33b

Chiasmus B Eph 5:23-24:

***a – For the husband is the head
 b – of the wife
 c – as the Messiah is the head
 d – of the church.
 e – It is he who is the Savior of the body.
 d' – But as the church
 c' – is submissive to the Messiah,
 b' – so wives also
 a' – to their husbands in everything.***

Chiasmus B' Eph 5:28b-33a

a – A man who loves his wife loves himself. For no one has ever hated his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it,

b – as the Messiah does the church.
c – For we are parts of his body—of his flesh and of his bones.
d – “That is why a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”
c’ – This is a great secret,
b’ – but I am talking about the Messiah and the church.
a’ – But each individual man among you must love his wife as he loves himself;

Ephesians Outline focusing on the Teaching on Marriage in 5:21-33

Opening: By the will of God (1:1-2)

Body: (1:3-6:20)

God’s Plan for the Church (1:3-3:21)

God’s Role in Salvation (1:3-23)

Our Role in Salvation (2:1-10)

The Church (2:11-22)

The Secret of the Gentiles (3:1-13)

Concluding Prayer (3:14-22)

Application: Living God’s Will (4:1-6:20)

Living the Calling (4:1-16)

Do Not Live Like the Gentiles (4:17-32)

Live in Love (5:1-5:5)

Live as Children of Light (5:6-5:14)

Be Careful how you Live (5:15-6:9)

Be filled with the spirit (5:15-18)

In worshipping God (5:19-20)

In relationship with others: Submitting to one another (5:21-6:9)

Submitting one to another (5:21)

Wives and Husbands (5:22-33)

Wives (5:22-27)

Husbands (5:28-33)

Children and Parents (6:1-4)

Slaves and Masters (6:5-9)

The Armor of God (6:10-20)

Closing: (6:21-24)