

The Fruit of the Spirit – Part 1 (Ephesians 5:19-33)

Christ-likeness in _____ (vv. 19-20)

- Psalms
- Hymns
- Spiritual songs
- _____ with your heart to the Lord
- _____ vs. complaining

Application

Christ-likeness in Relationships (vv. 21^{ff})

- Characterized by _____ = to subject; _____ self under
- Motive: fear / reverence for _____

Wives – be subject to your own husbands (22-24) – a command

- A _____ by the wife; to obey _____ (*as to the Lord*)
- God's _____; the husband is to be the _____
- Not an issue of _____ (1 Cor. 11:3)
- To reflect Christ's relationship to His _____ (23-24)
 - 1) Save her
 - 2) Subject in _____

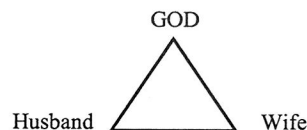
Husbands – love your wives (25-33) – a command

- *Agape* – unconditional; a _____; love that _____; lasting quality
- How? As _____ also loved the _____ ⇒ sacrificial (25-27)
 - 1) Died for her; and _____ for her
 - 2) Why? To make her _____ / blameless; make her _____
 - 3) How did Christ sanctify the church?
 - a. Washing her with the _____
 - b. A husband loves his wife as Christ loved the church by building the _____ into her life.
- (vv. 28-31) Love your wife as you love your _____
 - 1) _____ her; bring her up to _____
 - 2) _____ her; tenderly _____ for her

3) Why? You are _____ (v. 31 → Gen. 2:24)

Principles

- Husband is to _____ his wife by giving to her spiritual _____
- A *vertical* goal – her _____
 - 1) The word of God is to be _____
 - 2) The husband is to _____ his wife
 - 3) Requires _____
 - 4) Nourish and cherish her: bring her to _____ in all of life
- A horizontal goal – _____
 - 1) _____ Christ's relationship to His church to the _____
 - 2) Brings _____ to Christ; a God- _____ for your marriage
- _____ oneness ⇒ marriage as God intended (v. 32)



Application

- Wife, you must _____; husband, you must _____
 - 1) When there is a conflict: the _____ is responsible before God for the decision
 - 2) The wife is responsible for her _____
- Husband: _____ with your wife
 - 1) Share your heart with _____ and with the _____
 - 2) Purpose to do it _____ this week – tonight!
- Husband: _____ with your wife
 - 1) Pick a time – and do it _____ this week (after dinner / up early / at bed time)
 - 2) An idea for getting started: *Psalm 1* – read and ask
What is _____ responsibility? What is _____ responsibility?
What is one thing we can do to begin to fulfill *our* responsibility?