

EPHESIANS 5 vs 22

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Paul just wrote...

Submitting / the word is: **hupotasso**; it means... yielding to and preferring; taking the lower place; taking the lower rank. This word so far appears 4 times in this letter; we read about:

1. By His mighty power all things are **submitting** to, yielding to and preferring; taking the lower place... **to Jesus Christ**. After all, somebody has to lead His creation, right?
2. And here, **the children of God**, walking in His love are seen giving thanks to God... and **submitting yourselves** to, yielding to... probably preferring one another, too.



The Lord Jesus is no power-crazed megalomaniac. He is the Prince of Peace and King of kings; but those kings are not the dumbass political leaders of the world who might think they are royalty -- royal jackasses. Jesus is King of kings... over each of our little kingdoms that He is bringing under His rule.

Remember, this letter is written to the church Jesus is building. He is the Head... all of us are His arms and shoulders and hands and feet. But in our brilliant 21st century and for many years, most people you meet worship at the shrines of science -- bowing to the things they can see. They don't see things the way Jesus saw such as when He said: Greater love has no man... than he lay down his life for a friend.

That's not science! Science uses microscopes and telescopes, right?!

Paul spoke of the fruitless works of darkness; the loveless, hopeless works; without mercy, and without grace... that those who are in the dark produce. The sciences focus on quantity; not quality. They say they only observe and discuss what they can count... 1, and 2 billion... and 3 gazillion... things we can see; what we can observe. It sounds measured and intelligent, doesn't it? But some of us see goofy stuff going on!

C.S. Lewis pointed out decades ago, this science dominated society forcefully attempts to cut away all emotion, all religious sanction... and all inherited taboos... in order to discover "more basic values". But any discussion of values **is not good science**. Nonetheless, the trousered monkeys they want it both ways; they are hypocrites. Even Plato said, Seek not the counsel of those who depart from the way. Well Jesus Christ... even to the last generation (faithless that it will be); Jesus will still be: **the Way**, the Truth, and the Life. So listen to Him...

Submitting / yielding to and preferring... **one another in the fear of God**.

²² **Wives, submit to your own husbands** / yield to... and even prefer...that's it! That's all the marital advice Paul had for a wife. So women, choose your husband well...sooner or later, someone will need to make a tough decision. And notice, it is to your own husband; not your neighbor's husband; nor your friend's husband. You married your husband, right? Well, Paul says, don't go shopping around for advice.

as to the Lord / and how do we submit to the Lord? With our devotion; with our adoration.

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Historically in the workplace, the husband is the one who fought all the battles and took all the lumps... for his little kingdom of wife and kids. So when the husband got home with the bacon, Paul says, don't add to the war that rages. Now days, women hurry to join man's curse... and enter into that ruthless business world; and take the poundings, too. Fine! Nothing wrong with that, but back in the home... we know what Paul wrote.

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church:

and He is the Savior of the body / the Deliverer... and Protector... and Preserver...

As Christ is Head of the church with certain responsibilities; so likewise, the husband is charged with the obligation to protect and preserve and save his family – his wife and kids, from all enemies... foreign and domestic. So, women! Paul is saying, choose well a responsible husband!

²⁴ So as the church submits to Christ, so the wife... to her own husband in everything / well, now days, the church is pretty goofy, but we understand what Paul said: in everything? Ok! Like I said we know what Paul wrote; he is writing an ideal. He is not writing new rules to post on Mount Sinai. This submitting and yielding, preferring one another... all began as something all of us... ought to be doing.

We should not expect to see people sitting in darkness... not walking in the light of the Lord... to do this. Paul isn't talking about... a godless husband who is a raging tyrant; or a godless wife who is a raving bull dog, or the other b__ dog; in that case... a good divorce is probably better than a bad marriage. In the OT we know, the Lord GOD had 2 wives: one He divorced and the other... He wanted to divorce, but didn't!

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives,

even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it / Honestly, I can't think of a man I know who seems to love their wife that much... and would give himself, for his wife and kids. The ones I know would call 911 and probably ask what they missed, as they got back to the game on TV!

²⁶ That He sanctify and cleanse it / specially setting it apart; and keeping it clean,

with the washing of water in the word / the word is: **rhema**; the Word of God. The Lord keeps His church cleansed... and set apart for His purposes... by His word. And husbands and fathers are supposed to have the same reliable word that shows they can be trusted.

And why does the Lord pay so much attention to His church?

²⁷ that He Himself present it / this verse has 2 meanings. It can mean: to exhibit it; or, it can mean: He stands by her side. So, either way it sounds like the Lord intends to show off... **the Love of His life.**

a glorious church, having no spot or wrinkle, or any such thing;

but that she be holy and without blemish.

28 So men ought love their wives, as their own bodies / in that same way... the way of responsibility and obligation; to publicly display... to publicly present the love of his life... have you ever met a guy, who didn't love himself? I haven't.

He who loves his wife loves himself / so, what about the guy who bickers and yells... and brow beats and beats up his wife... and kids.... Umm? What does that indicate about himself?

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh / and this verse can be a little confusing... because we live in a generation of lovers of self... rather than lovers of God. But if "his own flesh" means: **his children**, then we can understand how Paul was inspired to use this example.

For no one ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes / his own children; that is what God our Father does as He daily provides... and by example properly trains up... and keeps His family safe. But, if this is talking about a husband to himself, then... we got a big problem,

just as the Lord nourishes and trains up the church:

30 for we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones / as Adam and Eve were one flesh and bone; so, Jesus, the Bridegroom and His Bride... are one!

31 For this cause a man will leave his father and mother / I know some men who have problems leaving mama. They are still mama's little boy. There are a lot of mama's little boys who have destroyed their own marriages... because his lazy ass did not leave father and mother... for his wife,

Again... Paul is writing ideals; not new rules and commands

For this cause a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh / which means: papa and mama get out of their business! But don't expect this in the world around us. Paul is writing to the church, at least the church Jesus Christ is building.

32 This is a great mystery:

but I speak about Christ and the church / and this verse is sort of funny. It is like a misplaced modifier. It seems as if Paul reread and qualified what he wrote; and he's probably laughing as he is writing; because the other: the man leaving home being joined to his wife, and the two becoming one flesh; that ain't even a small mystery any more.

33 Nevertheless let each one of you so love his own wife... even as himself;

and the wife that she strongly respect her husband.

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