

Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“The First Christian Institution” – Ephesians 5:21-33

I. Introductory Remarks (Verses 19-21).

- A. Paul’s literary structure.
- B. What does it mean to be spirit-filled? Ephesians 5:18.
- C. Worshipful saints, verse 19.
- D. Submissive to one another.
- E. Marriage as the most valuable institution.
- F. Text: Ephesians 5:21-33.

II. Main Exposition – Ephesians 5:22-33.

A. Introduction

- 1. The basics underneath the marriage vows.

B. The duty of wives – Ephesians 5:22-24.

- 1. There is an order to the home.

- a. Genesis 3:16
- b. Note usage of the term “desire” in Genesis 3:16 and Genesis 4:3-7.
- c. Man will rule but the woman will find submission difficult. She will tend toward wanting authority.

2. Key distinction.

- a. Women are _____ equal but _____ subordinate.

- 1. Illustrated in the Trinity.

3. Submission is an attitude and is not synonymous with obedience.

C. The duty of husbands – Ephesians 5:25-30.

1. Five key verbs.

- a. Christ loved the church, verse 25.
- b. Christ gave Himself up for the church, verse 25.
- c. Christ’s goal is to make the church holy, verse 26.
- d. Christ is cleaning His church through the Word, vs. 26.
- e. Christ will present the church as a radiant bride without blemish, verse 27.

D. Paul’s concluding remarks – Ephesians 5:31-33.

- 1. The reference to Genesis reveals . . .

Men are to _____
Women are _____

III. Point for Reflection.

A. Ephesians 5:32

- 1. Marriage! A thought of awe, respect, and fear.