

Christ in Your Relationships

Ephesians Series: Part 9

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Review:

Live a life worthy of your calling: Ephesians 4:1

Live your new life in Christ: renew your thoughts & attitudes, put off the old life: Ephesians 4:21-24

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ: Ephesians 5:2

Live as people of the light: Ephesians 5:8

Full of Light = Full of Love: 1 John 2:7-11

Christ influence in your relationships:

Ephesians 5:21

- Christ is our motivation and example
- Mutual respect, submission, honoring, serving

MARRIAGE: Ephesians 5:22-33

- The mystery of marriage: 2 becoming 1
- Illustrates God's covenant love for us in Christ
- Husband: represents Christ
- Wife: represents the church in response to Christ
- Christ is the CENTER of marriage: the example, the motivation, the mediator, the Savior

Wives: understand & support your husband, submit to his leadership, honor him

- As the church submits to Christ, a yielding of free will, a choice to trust in response to Christ's love & care

Husbands: Provide leadership by cherishing, not domineering; love marked by giving, not getting; with words that evoke her beauty, Love like Christ - sacrificial and selfless and lavishly

Deals directly with the curse brought on by Adam & Eve: Genesis 3:16

- Curse(old nature): Wife wants to control, the husband wants to rule
- But in Christ - wife yields & supports, husband leads with love & cherishes

CHILDREN: Ephesians 6:1-4, Deuteronomy 6:5-7

- Children: obey your parents & you will live - you belong to Christ & it's the right thing to do
- Fathers/Parents: don't provoke your kids to anger
 - Be careful not to belittle, demean, take out your anger & frustrations on them, push them away from Christ
 - Raise them with loving discipline & counsel that leads them to knowing Christ

"The family is supposed to be the epicenter of the Gospel, not the church" - Pastor Rick DuBose

EMPLOYMENT

Slave/Master: Ephesians 6:5-9, Philemon 1:16 TPT

- In Christ, no longer a slave, but your brother - see him that way & treat him accordingly

Employee

- Honor & serve your manager, supervisor, boss just as you would Christ
- You are actually working for Christ in your place of employment
- Do what is right even when they are not watching you - honesty, integrity
- Work with enthusiasm - have a good attitude about your work!
- No matter what happens at your work, Christ will reward your good work

Employer:

- serve them as you would Christ, don't threaten, mistreat
- You're the same in God's eyes, who doesn't show favoritism

