

A Final Word on Marriage: Love & Respect

I. Introduction: A pastoral plea

A. The worship of corruptible man

B. The call of King Jesus

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II. The structure of Ephesians

A. The macro structure

B. The micro structure

- a. Wives, be submissive to your own husbands as to the Lord (5.22-24)
- b. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church (5.25-32)
- b. Let each husband love his wife as himself (5.33a)
- a. Let the wife fear her husband (5.33b)

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III. The circumspect walk

A. The three commands (5.15-18)

- i. Walk in wisdom (5.15-16)
- ii. Know God's will (5.17)
- iii. Be filled by the Spirit (5.18)

B. The three aspects of a Spirit-filled life (5.19-21)

- i. Praise God in Psalms (5.19)
- ii. Always be thankful to God in all things (5.20)
- iii. Submit to one another in the fear of Christ (5.21)

Chiastic Structure of Ephesians

- A 1.3-14 Blessings in the heavenlies
- B 1.15-23 Receiving the Spirit of wisdom and revelation
- C 2.1-10 Walking in good works
- D 2.11-22 Uniting Jews & Gentiles to be a habitation of the Spirit
- E 3.1-13 Unveiling the mystery concerning the Gentiles
- F 3.14-19 Being filled up to the fullness of God
- G 3.20-21 Doxology
- F' 4.1-16 Walking worthy, reaching for the maturity of the fullness of Christ
- E' 4.17-24 Walking not like the Gentiles, but putting on the new man
- D' 4.25-5.7 Walking in love
- C' 5.8-14 Walking in light
- B' 5.15-6.9 Walking circumspectly in wisdom
- A' 6.10-20 Warfare in the heavenlies