

## *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.