



***“Don’t leave your first love!” (Revelation 2:4)***

## **A Study of the Book of Ephesians**

**Lesson Ten = THE MARRIAGE TO CHRIST (Ephesians 5:21-33)**

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**Introduction:** In **Revelation 2:1-7** we read a letter from Jesus to the church at Ephesus. In that letter, Jesus condemns the Ephesians because they left their first love. On Sunday mornings we are noticing the words of Paul in the letter he wrote Ephesians, several years before that condemnation by Christ. We have noted that if the Ephesian Christians had just listened to the apostle Paul they would have avoided that terrible fate. Paul tried to show them how much the Lord loves us and why we should fall in love with Him. Specifically in our time together today we are going to consider the marriage we have to Jesus Christ Himself and how that helps us in our own marriages and in our Christian homes. In this section of Scripture, Paul shows how the mutual submission is to be carried out between Christian couples in marriage and how that affects the entire family. Notice that **Ephesians 6:1-9** should be a part of this particular section of Scripture because it also deals with relationships (we’ll cover that next week). Let’s study together....

**Discussion:**

### ***I. Marrying Christ Causes Us To Love Our Family (Ephesians 5:21-24)***

- A. Wives, if you love Christ, you will love your husband.
- B. Husbands, if you love Christ, you will love your wife.
- C. Couples, if you love Christ, you will love yourselves as Christ loves you.

### ***II. Marrying Christ Causes Us To Lift Our Family (Ephesians 5:25-30)***

- A. Christ wants to lift up your family in holiness.
- B. Christ wants to lift up your family in honor.
- C. Christ wants to lift up your family in humbleness.

### ***III. Marrying Christ Causes Us To Lead Our Family (Ephesians 5:31-33)***

- A. Lead your family to the truth.
- B. Lead your family to the cross.
- C. Lead your family to the Lord.

**Conclusion:** Society will not thank you for doing the right thing and following the will of the Lord. However, God is honored by your righteous behavior. The word of God commends you for doing the will of God and teaching what is right to your family. May God bless you and your family! While you have time this morning, consider where you are in your walk with God. How’s your marriage to Christ? Are you faithful? Are you loving? Can He count on you? If you are not married to Christ, and if you’ve not been baptized into Christ, now is the time to be saved! Consider your earthly relationships. Now is the time for obedience to the Word of the Lord before your time has come. Whether its salvation, restoration, or if you need a renovation, the Lord is waiting for you to call upon His Holy name.