

Marriage Part II

4.29.12

Ephesians 5:22-33

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) Why do you think the verses directed at wives can be so controversial? How would you respond to someone who says, "This is the reason I don't believe in the Bible. It's archaic and oppressive to women. We've moved beyond that haven't we?"

- 2) How does this passage relate to other passages specifically about women (see also 1st Timothy 2:9-15; 1st Corinthians 11:2-16; 1st Peter 3:7)?

- 3) What does "submit" mean and look like? How is it different from obey? Does submission mean that one person is inherently inferior or superior to the other? Why would wives be asked to submit?

- 4) How is it significant that wives are asked to submit to husbands and not women submit to men?

- 5) How does the analogy of the husband being the head of the wife help you understand this passage? Does the husband being the "head" give him any extra authority? Explain your answer.

- 6) If you are a husband, how can you be encouraging as your wife seeks to follow your leadership?

- 7) Is there anything you felt the Lord was speaking to you during the sermon? If so, what? How can you make a point of doing what He was asking you to do?