

Basic Christianity: Christ Centered Relationships  
Ephesians 5:22-6:9 ESV  
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<sup>21</sup> *submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.* – Ephesians 5:21

<sup>17</sup> *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* – Colossians 3:17

### 1. Cruciform Love in Marriage (5:22-33)

<sup>22</sup> *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.* <sup>23</sup> *For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.* <sup>24</sup> *Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

<sup>25</sup> *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,* <sup>26</sup> *that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,* <sup>27</sup> *so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.* <sup>28</sup> *In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.* <sup>29</sup> *For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,* <sup>30</sup> *because we are members of his body.* <sup>31</sup> *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”* <sup>32</sup> *This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.* <sup>33</sup> *However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

<sup>34</sup> *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.* – John 13:34

### 2. Gospel-Shaped Authority in the Home (6:1-4)

<sup>6</sup> *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.* <sup>2</sup> *“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),* <sup>3</sup> *“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”* <sup>4</sup> *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

<sup>11</sup> *My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof,*  
<sup>12</sup> *for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.* – Proverbs 3:11-12

<sup>13</sup> *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.* – Psalm 103:13

<sup>6</sup> *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.* – Proverbs 22:6

### 3. Worshipful Work in Every Sphere (6:5-9)

<sup>5</sup> *Bondservants, obey your earthly masters<sup>j</sup> with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,* <sup>6</sup> *not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,* <sup>7</sup> *rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,* <sup>8</sup> *knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.* <sup>9</sup> *Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master<sup>qj</sup> and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.*

<sup>23</sup> *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,* <sup>24</sup> *knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.* – Colossians 3:23-24

<sup>12</sup> *“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.* – Matthew 7:12

<sup>17</sup> *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* – Colossians 3:17

<sup>36</sup> *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.* – Romans 11:36