

The Family In Crisis

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1. Overview of Ephesians -The book of Ephesians is addressed to a group of believers who are rich beyond measure in Christ Jesus, yet living as beggars, only because they are ignorant of their wealth.

2. The Believer's Wealth in Christ Jesus

Spiritual adoption, Total acceptance, Absolute redemption, Complete forgiveness, the wisdom of God, Full inheritance, Sealed by the Holy Spirit, New Life, grace, and citizenship. In short, every spiritual blessing from God, the father in Christ. Paul lays the ground work for the believer's family in Christ. More than 35 times, Paul uses the phrase "in Christ".

3. Paul prays two specific prayers in the book of Ephesians for the Believers. (1) Prayer for Revelation (1:15-23) (2) Prayer for realization (3:14-21) Both revelation and realization are necessary if believers are going to walk worthy of the vocation to which they have been called.

4. The Christian Walk- Ephesians 4:1-3 Ephesians 4, begins the last half of the book. Ephesians is a beautiful example of the way the apostle Paul always maintained a balance between doctrine and duty.

5. Ephesians Summarized: The first three chapters of Ephesians have dealt primarily with Christian doctrine (their wealth) and the last three chapters will deal primarily with Christian duty (their walk), our responsibilities to Christ.

6. The Christian Walk	Walk in unity (4:1-16)	Walk in purity (4:17-5:17)
	Walk in purpose (4:12-16)	Walk in holiness (4:17-29,
	Walk in kindness	Walk in love (5:1-2)
	Walk in the light (5:3-14)	Walk circumspectly
	Walk in harmony (5:18-6:9)	Walk in victory. (6-10-24)

7. The Christian's Walk in Submission and Love: The Order of the Day Ephesians 5:21

8. The Christian's Should Understand God's assigned roles within the Christian family. God has assigned roles with different level of responsibility to maximize our potential and increase the effectiveness of the Christian family.

9. The Family Drama Begins as Christian is placed in God's Family by the Holy Spirit. Family members must commit to playing their specific roles as those in authority and those under authority by the will of God.

10. God's Command of Submission and Love is Clear and Final: Ephesians 5 & 6, 1 Peter 3

The Working Definition of Submission (a) Submission is an attitude of love that wants to obey. (b) Submission means to be subject to. (c) Adapt yourself to the will of the higher authority. (d) Adjust yourself to the will of the higher authority. (e) Place yourself under leadership.

11. God's role for the Christian wife mirrors the role of the Church, the bride of Christ.

12. The Benefits of Godly Submission: Credibility, Access, Protection and contentment.

13. What Does Godly Submission Include? Eph 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything.

14. The Limitations of Godly Submission: To sum it all up 1 Peter 3:8-9

15. Some Reasons Why the Christian Family In Crisis. Failure of Christians to filled and led by the Holy Spirit cause (1) God's Principle of love and submission are violated. (2) because believers tend to be too aggressive or too passive; too assertive or too lenient. We need the Spirit's guidance (3) Because without the leadership of the Holy Spirit, selfishness will prevail and we will be influenced by the culture.

16. The Role of the Christian Husband models the Love of Christ Towards His Church.
Ephesians 5:21-33 1 Peter 3:1-7

17. The Christian Headship Comes with great Responsibility: Leader, Lover and Lord - What does it mean to really love as Christ loved the Church?

To Sacrifice v. 25

To Provide Leadership v. 26-27

To Be Considerate 1 Peter 3:7a To Be Respectful 1 Peter 3:7b

18. God's Description of Love Explored 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

19. The Remedy For The Family in Crisis - Submission and Love, different sides of the same coin, must be embraced by those in authority and those under authority.