

In All Her Glory

1. Review verse 21. How are the people in the church to be submitting to one another? What do you think this means? Why do you think this is important?
2. Taking 22-33 as a whole, summarize the biblical view of marriage. List the ways that biblical marriage is similar to the relationship between Christ and His church.
3. As a Christian, how should my attitudes toward marriage differ from those of my non-believing friends and family members?
4. Wives are instructed to submit to their husbands in 22-24. Many today feel this is an outdated notion. What are some clues in the text that this instruction is not tied to cultural or historical norms, but instead is for all believers at all times in church history?
5. As a church we are called to submit to Christ; what does a wife's role in a healthy marriage teach us about how we can do this? What can we learn from the examples of godly wives we know?
6. Give some examples of what obedience to the command in verse 22 looks like. How does it honor and glorify God when Christian wives obey this command?
7. Now on to the more challenging part of the passage, aimed at men. Husbands are instructed to love their wives like Christ loved the church. The passage gives several actions that entail what this looks like. List as many as you can (25-30).
8. Give some examples of what obedience to the command in verse 25 looks like. How should this make Christian marriages look different from those of the world?
9. What does it mean for Christ to wash us with water by the word? (26) How might husbands do that for their wives? How might members of our church family do that for one another? How can we be better at this? What do you think stops us?
10. What does this passage teach you about how Jesus feels about His church? How does meditating on this help you appreciate Him more?