

Marriage
Ephesians 5:21-33

Three Institutions Ordained by God

_____ (Genesis 2; Ephesians 5:32)
_____ (Romans 13)
_____ (Acts 2)

1. Thesis Statement (vs. 21)

2. Wife (vs. 22-24)

Some General observations:

- 1). The second role is discussed _____, then the first _____.
- 2). The second role is called to _____. The second role is called to _____.
- 3). Both roles are _____ important.
- 4). The second role is only possible when the first role is _____.

“As to the Lord” does not mean that a wife is to submit to her husband in the same way she submits to the Lord, but rather that her submission to her husband is her service rendered “to the Lord” (Bible Knowledge Commentary)

The chief threat in submitting to another person is the fear of being manipulated or mistreated by that person. There is no such cause for fear with Christ; his is tender guidance, not raw authority. (Evangelical Commentary)

Both genders are equally created in God’s image ([Gen. 1:26–28](#)) and heirs together of eternal life ([Gal. 3:28–29](#)). This submission is in deference to the ultimate leadership of the husband for the health and harmonious working of the marriage relationship. (ESV Study Bible)

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1 Corinthians 11:3. *But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.*

Submission has nothing to do with the order of authority, but rather governs the operation of authority, how it is given and how it is received.
(Warren Wiersbe)

3. Husband (vs. 25-33). A picture of Christ.

- A. Christ _____ the church (vs. 25).
- B. Christ gave _____ up for the church (vs. 25).
- C. Christ wants to make the church _____ (vs. 26).
- D. Christ is preparing His church for _____ (vs. 27).