

Chapter 5 covers two important themes: obedience to the example of Christ, and the relationship between husbands and wives. First, Paul discusses how believers are to be imitators of God through a focus on the love demonstrated by Christ (Ephesians 5:1–21). Second, wives and husbands are given clear biblical teachings regarding mutual love and submission in relationship to Christ (Ephesians 5:22–33).

The first section (<u>Ephesians 5:1-21</u>) encourages believers to imitate God like loving children (<u>Ephesians 5:1</u>). Sexual impurity is not to be known among believers (<u>Ephesians 5:3</u>). The same is true of foolish talk (<u>Ephesians 5:4</u>). Nonbelievers are marked by a persistent pattern of these behaviors (<u>Ephesians 5:5</u>). Believers are not to be deceived by lies (<u>Ephesians 5:6</u>) and must not be partners with those who deceive (<u>Ephesians 5:7</u>). Yes, believers once lived in this way, but are no longer walking in darkness (<u>Ephesians 5:8</u>).

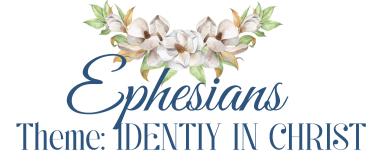
Believers are to find out what pleases God (<u>Ephesians</u> 5:10). Believers should take no part in sin, but rather expose sin (<u>Ephesians 5:11</u>). This does not require us to be vulgar or offensive in discussing sinful acts (<u>Ephesians</u> 5:12). Paul then quotes from what was likely part of an early Christian song in verse 14. He encourages believers to walk with wisdom (<u>Ephesians</u> 5:15).



Believers are to make the most of their time, because the days are evil (<u>Ephesians 5:16</u>). Paul encouraged readers to understand the will of God (<u>Ephesians 5:17</u>) and not become drunk on wine (<u>Ephesians 5:18</u>). Instead, believers are to be filled with the Spirit, praising the Lord and giving thanks to Him (<u>Ephesians 5:18–20</u>). Believers should also submit to one another out of respect for Christ (<u>Ephesians 5:21</u>).

The second part of this chapter (<u>Ephesians 5:22–33</u>) addresses mutual submission between husband and wife. <u>Ephesians 5:22–24</u> focuses first on wives. They are called to submit to their husbands as to the Lord (<u>Ephesians 5:22</u>), with Paul using the analogy of Christ and the church as an example (<u>Ephesians 5:23–24</u>).

Husbands are then addressed and called to love their wives as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). They are to love their wives as they do their own bodies, teaching that the man who loves his wife loves himself (Ephesians 5:28). Paul transitions to a reference to Genesis 2:24, noting the mystery is profound between Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:32). In summary, Paul reminds husbands to love their wives as they do themselves and for wives to respect their husbands (Ephesians 5:33).



Key Scripture: God loved us and chose us in Christ." (Eph. 1:4)

Our Position In Christ	Practical living
What God has done for us (Eph. 1:3–23)	Our new unity (Eph. 4:1–16)
Emphasis: Sovereignty	Our new walk (Eph. 4:17–6:9)
What Christ has done in us (Eph. 2:1–10)	Our new strength (Eph. 6:10-20)
Emphasis: Grace	,
What Christ has done between us (Eph.	
2:11–3:21)	Land a life wanthy of your calling " (F
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Prayers		
Paul's prayer for	Paul's prayer for	Christians' prayers
the Ephesians	the whole church	for one another
(Eph. 1:15-23)	(Eph. 3:14-21)	(Eph. 6:18-20)

Jesus Christ Is the Source

Jesus is the source of every spiritual blessing, the cornerstone of the church, and the standard of spiritual maturity (Eph. 1:3; 2:20; 4:11–16).



Emphasis: Reconciliation

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