

“THE FAMILY IN CHRIST – MALE HEADSHIP”

EPHESIANS 5:22-33

Husbands are to lead their families by exhibiting a functional headship whereby the wife is prized and the children are cared for. My intent in this study is to unpack the text. By default it will be highly application and perhaps pointed. I hope to stay out of the way and let the text speak for itself. It is my prayer (as is true of every Sunday) that this text will prove pivotal for us as a fellowship and will reach within our hearts and change us forever.

Outline:

I. For the Married (vv. 22-33).

A. Instructions for the wife (vv. 22-24)

B. Instructions for the Husband (vv. 25-33)

1. The Position – Head (v. 23)

2. The Invitation – Love (v. 25a)

- First, as head He is described as “the Savior of the body” (v. 23). This speaks to protection.
- Second, as head He is described as “the Sanctifier of the body” (v. 26). This speaks to purification.
- Third, as head He is described as “the Sustainer of the body” (v. 28). This speaks to provision.
- Fourth, as head He is described as “the Savor of the body” (v. 29). This speaks to prizing.

3. The illustration – the Cross (vv. 25b-31)

a. Headship requires sacrifice (vv.25b-27)

b. Headship requires selflessness (vv. 28-29)

c. Headship requires solidarity/singularity (vv. 30, 31)

APPLICATION: (Shepherding the Sheep):

Gentlemen will you join me as a husband and labor to be a functional head where our wives are protected, purified, provided for and prized? To men in general, will you accept the invitation to honor and value the women of our fellowship and of women in general? That is the invitation and that is the call.