

Sunday, 01-01-2023

Christ's Love
Bible Background: Ephesians 5:21-6:4
Printed Text: Ephesians 5:21-6:4 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: John 3:16-21

Aim for Change:

1. **COMPARE** Christ's love for the church with the relationships among family members
 2. **APPRECIATE** Christ's sacrifice to show love and care for the church
 3. **ACCEPT** responsibility for showing love in the family as Christ demonstrated love for the church
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Devotional Reading:

- **Tuesday – God's Gift of Love – John 3:16-21 – MON: 1 John 4:7-12; FRI: John 15:9-17**
 - Do your deeds represent your belief in Christ?
 - Have you adjusted your ways to darkness because you let the light burn out?
 - Are you afraid of the light revealing your darkness so you play church?
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Focal Verses:

- **Sunday – Following the Example of Christ – Ephesians 5:21-6:4; Colossians 3:18-4:1**
 - **(vv. 21-24) – Wives' Submission Should Reflect Christ's Authority Over the Church – Genesis 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:3**
 - What's "your" definition of submit compared to God?
 - Who's the head of your house in Christ by example?
 - Is your submission towards one another natural creating order, harmony, and increased love for one another? Does your lack of submission towards each other cause resentment and disfunction?
 - **(vv. 25-33) – Husbands' Love for Their Wives Should Reflect Christ's Love for the Church – Genesis 2:22-24; Matthew 19:4-6; THU: John 13:1-9; WED: Romans 5:6-11; SAT: 1 John 3:18-24; Revelation 7:9-17**
 - Does your spiritual leadership exemplify servitude? Do you try to lead by iron fist?
 - How do you express love to your wife? By past experiences or power of the Holy Ghost?
 - Does the love you demonstrate create reverence or rebellion?
 - Do you nourish and cherish your wife the same way you do yourself?
 - Have you and your spouse truly become one in Christ?
 - **(vv. 1-4) – Children Should Be Obedient and Loved – Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 15:3-10; Colossians 3:20-21**
 - How have you exhorted your children to be obedient to the Lord?
 - Have you provoked your children to "fear the Lord" or rebel against Him?
 - How has your behavior influenced your child(ren)'s character?
 - What great gift can we give to our child(ren)?
 - Has your parenting brought glory to God through your child(ren)?

Note – *Bold/Italicized*** scripture(s) are additional scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class**

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