

BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

THE MOST CHALLENGING OF ALL RELATIONSHIPS (PART ONE)

EPHESIANS 5:21-24



The Heart of the Matter

Ancient maps made before the earth had been circumnavigated often portrayed the unexplored areas with fire-breathing dragons. These scaly, frightening figures served to represent the fears of the people, as if to say, “Here be dragons.” In our current cultural climate, one in which egalitarianism is valued above all else, Ephesians 5:22–6:9 presents unfamiliar, often unexplored territory in the oceans of marriage. It is to such concepts as authority, submission, and daily self-sacrifice that we come, cautiously and thoughtfully, knowing that “here be dragons.”



Discovering the Way

1. The Broader Context (Ephesians 5:21)

When coming to this marriage and family passage from Ephesians, we must keep in mind that all of the relationships should be considered in light of our mutual submission to one another.

2. A Word to Wives (Ephesians 5:22–24)

Wives have been called to honor the Lord by submitting to their husbands. This command does not change that women and men are of equal worth to God, though their roles are different.



Starting Your Journey

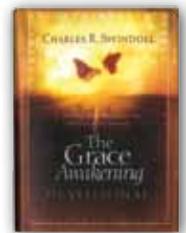
In order to live out these biblical guidelines, we must allow the Scriptures to guide our thinking above all else—beginning with our thinking about God and what He has done for us.



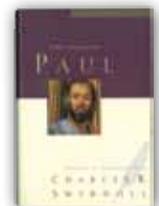
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