

## **The Christian Family (Ephesians 5:21-6:9)**

- Last week we considered Ephesians 5:21 under two key headings

1. “Submitting to one another”
2. “In the Fear of God or Christ”

I. Four Essential Foundational Truths from Ephesians 5:21-6:9

I. Foundational Truth: The Family Has Always Been under Attack

II. Foundational Truth: Christian Family: Critical to a Crumbling World

III. Foundational Truth: The “Fear of Christ” leads to Real Submission

IV. Foundational Truth: Essential to Different Roles is Mutual Submission

### **The Christian Wife: Headship & Humble Submission (Eph 5:22-24)**

I. To Whom Must the Christian Wife Submit? (v.22)

*“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord”*

- Col 3: 18... **“as is fitting in the Lord”**

II. Why Must the Christian Wife Submit to Her Own Husband? (v. 23)

A. Inescapable Headship

- Imperative vs Indicative: “The husband *is* the head of the wife as Christ *is*

the head of the church

B. Servant Leadership:

*Christ is the head of the Church; He is the Savior of the body*

III. Why is the Christian Wife’s Submission so Important? (v.24)

*Just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything*