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MAN
IN THE MIRROR

THE PERSON
GOD EXPECTS

LESSON 5:
HUSBANDS & WIVES

WHICH ONE?

LOVE

RESPECT

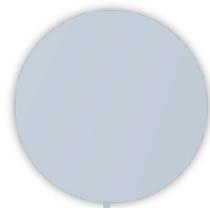
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What is the Relationship?

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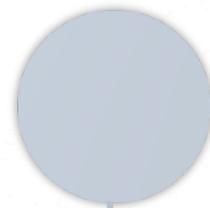


Wife



One Flesh

Christ



Church



One Flesh

What Does This Mean For The Wife?

- She is to be submissive in **everything**
 - Church to **Christ** (Eph 5:24)
 - Christians to **each other** (Eph 5:21)
 - Christians to **God** and resist the **devil** (James 4:7)
 - Children to **parents** (Luke 2:51)
 - Christians to **elders** (1 Peter 5:5)
 - Christians to **government** (Romans 13:1)
- How can the wife be sure she shows respect/reverence to her husband?

What Does This Mean For The Husband?

1. To what extent is the husband to love his wife?
 - a) As **Christ** loved the church and **gave** Himself up for **her** (Eph 5:25)
 - b) As his own **body** (Eph 5:28,31)
 - a) Therefore, he **nourishes** and **cherishes** her
 - b) How did Christ nourish and cherish his body?
 - a) **Sanctified** her (5:26)
 - b) **Cleansed** her (5:26)
 - c) **Showed** her off (5:27)
2. In what way is the husband the head of the wife?

What Would/Should/Could Make It Easier?

- For the wife to perform her responsibilities?
 - Sees her husband sacrificing for her
 - Sees her husband has Christ as his head
 - Knows that it is commanded by God
 - Thinks about Christ
- For the husband to perform his responsibilities?
 - Sees his wife being submissive
 - Sees his wife giving him proper respect
 - Knows that is commanded by God
 - Thinks about Christ