

The background is a deep green color with a subtle gradient. It features several glowing, wavy lines in a lighter shade of green, interspersed with small, bright green dots. The lines and dots create a sense of movement and energy, reminiscent of a digital or scientific theme. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

# Sharing His Divine Nature

A Series on Holiness

# Genesis 2:24-25

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

# Where Else?

- Where else do we find “This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one”?
- Ephesians 5:31, the most famous passage dealing with husband-wife relations
- We have now returned to the broader context in which clothing is presented in 1 Timothy and 1 Peter – namely marriage

# Ephesians 5:15-17

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

# Ephesians 5:18-20

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Ephesians 5:21

And further, **submit** to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- ~Upotasso, menoi
  - to cause to be in a submissive relationship, *to subject, to subordinate*

# Ephesians 5:22

For wives, this means **submit** to your husbands as to the Lord.

- Literal translation:
  - “The wives to their husbands as to the Lord”

# Ephesians 5:23-24

For a husband is the **head** of his wife as Christ is the **head** of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

- kefalh. (same as in 1 Corinthians 11)
  - the part of the body that contains the brain, *head*
    - anatomy
  - source
    - genesis or origin
  - a being of high status, *head*
    - relational



# Ephesians 5:24

As the church **submits** to Christ, so you wives should **submit** to your husbands in everything.

- u`pota,ssetai
  - to cause to be in a submissive relationship, *to subject, to subordinate*
- Literal translation
  - “...in this manner also the wives to the husbands in all things.”

# Ephesians 5:25-27

For husbands, this means **love** your wives, just as Christ **loved** the church. He gave up his life for her to make her **holy** and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be **holy** and without fault.

# Ephesians 5:28-30

In the same way, husbands ought to **love** their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who **loves** his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. And **we are members of his body.**

# Ephesians 5:31

As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and **the two are united into one.**”

# Ephesians 5:32-33

This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way **Christ and the church are one**. So again I say, each man must **love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband.