

"ONE BODY"

- 1. Wedding/Baptism
- 2. Only the beginning
- 3. Woven together in scripture
 - man and wife
 - God and People (passages)
- 4. In Eph. (4: 1)
 - a. Don't live like gentiles
 - b. filled with spirit
 - c. submit--v:21 (transition)
(place yourself in service to)

I. Wives Submit (first half of submission)

- A. Submit--discussion is not
 - ...authority
 - ...status
 - ...control
 But her choice, "submission"

God
 Christ
 Man
 Woman
 Kids
 Dogs
 Fleas

B. Extremes:

- 1. Past--"male chauvenism"
 - a. card of Ken Mick
 - b. melt down brain, roll over and play dead--
her (criticize one who works)
 - c. fetch, silence, obey, etc. "smoking gun"
 *no--her choice
 - ...a Christian trait
 - ..."out of reverence for Christ" Phil.2:1-4
- 2. Current--"Feminist" (look out!!!)
 - a. angry at men (dominate)
 - b. "my rights"
 - c. submission is a dirty word
v:21 (what Jesus did)
 - d. what of Prov. 31:

II. Husbands Love--(flip side of submit)

- A. Love -- "gives self up..."
- B. Equal to "submit" (lot "put her on a decorative pedestal.)
- C. Men submit also
 - 1. not permislsion to (rule, dominate, enslave, or use)

- D. How "give himself up"
 - 1. like Jesus--this inspires love and loyalty--
 - ...abandoned "rights"
 - ...because a servant
 - 2. Give up self-interest for her interests (v:21 "one another".)
 - ...my career (Carolyn & "my preaching")
 - ...my fulfillment
 - ...my hobbies
 - ...my schedule

III. As his own Body

- A. Present to him self--
 - 1. water of "purification"
 - 2. baptism
 - 3. church is His Body
- B. don't hate your own flesh
 - 1. up in A.M.
 - 2. "other half of me"
 - 3. we--of his "body, flesh, bones"

IV. Distortions

- A. Productivity over Relationship
 - 1. in marriage \
 - 2. in evangelism / "loving each other"
 - "great mystery" (function over relationship)
 - "religious activism v. consumer religion"
- B. Rights over submission
 - 1. chauvanist
 - 2. feminist (betrays servant Christ)
- C. Gratification over Love= ("our body")
 - 1. adultery
 - 2. idolatry...legalism...subjectivism...liberalism
- D. Faithfulness over love v. faithfulness without love
 - Mt. 5:43
 - (Rev. 2: "first love")
- E. Fulfillment over committment "give self up"
 - 1. divorce
 - 2. apostacy--I Cor. 7:1-7

CONCLUSION

- 1. Molech
- 2. Hosea
- 3. Introduce long Marrieds "statement of God's faithfulness"
- 4. Communion vows