

**Married to Christ**  
**Ephesians 5:22-32**

**Introduction:**

- I. We often look at Ephesians 5 when we are discussing how the family is to operate.
  - a. Wives submitting to husbands, husbands loving wives.
  - b. However, Paul makes a comment in verse 32 that his purpose for saying these things refers to Christ and the church, and then “However,” husbands and wives should love and respect one another (like he’s making a side-note.
- II. Today, we are going to look at Ephesians 5:22-32 in a way that is backwards from the way we usually look at it, but as I said, it was also one way that Paul intended this message to be taken.
- III. Are you married to Christ? There are several markers that tell us whether someone is married:
  - a. The ceremony
  - b. The name
  - c. The ring
  - d. Love/Respect

**Discussion:**

- I. The Ceremony – Have you publicly announced your relationship with Christ in a ceremony that binds you to him?
- II. The Name – Do you wear the name of Christ?
- III. The Ring – Do you have a symbol of your relationship with Christ?
- IV. Love/Respect – Do you submit to him as the head of your house?

**Conclusion:**