

Auditorium Class

Ephesians- "The Believers' Riches in Christ"

Winter Quarter, 2013

Lesson X- Responsibilities of Wives and Husbands toward each Other (5:22-33) / Of Children & their Fathers (6:1-4)

Key Verse for the Epistle: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"* (Eph 1:3)

Paul completes the fifth chapter with a description of how husbands and wives should act toward each other. Wives are exhorted to respect their husbands, submitting to them as to the Lord. Husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loved the church, and even as they love their own bodies. In the course of such instructions Paul takes the opportunity to reveal the Lord's desire to present to Himself a glorious church, holy and without blemish, which is why He gave Himself for it.

Paul continues to discuss familial relationships in the final chapter beginning with a discussion of children obeying their parents. Children are told to obey their parents, while fathers are instructed not to provoke their children to wrath but bring them up in the Lord's nurture and admonition.

Questions:

1. What are the responsibilities of wives towards their husbands? (5:22-24)
2. What does Paul say about the relationship of Christ to His Church? (5:23)
3. What are the responsibilities of husbands toward their wives? (5:25-31)
4. Why did Jesus love and give Himself for the Church? (5:25-27)
5. How does Paul sum up the relation of husband and wife in 5:33?
6. What responsibilities do children have before their parents? (6:1-2)
7. What promise comes with the commandment to honor one's parents? (6:3)
8. What responsibilities does a father have toward his children? (6:4)