


GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTING IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

Men of the Covenant



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Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-21 ESV

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- Because of Christ, we have a **status (INDICATIVE)**:
 - 1) “beloved children” rather than spiritually dead and alienated (Eph 2);
 - 2) beneficiaries of the blessings flowing from Christ’s sacrifice
- Because of our status, we have a **responsibility (IMPERATIVE)**:
 - 1) “be imitators of God”
 - 2) “walk in love”

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- vv. 15-18 uses parallelism (do this, don’t do this)
- v. 18 Will you be controlled by wine or the Spirit?
- vv. 19-21 = 5 participles that are symptoms of being Spirit-filled.

Ephesians 5:21, 25-33a ESV

What does this submission look like?

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25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, ...

Ephesians 5:21, 6:1-4 ESV

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6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.