



*Christ Over All Series, Part 12: Christ Over Our Homes, Ephesians 5:22 ~ 6:9*  
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**Intro** If a friend or neighbor was describing your family what kinds of things might they say?

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The Christian home is meant to display Christ's reign. What does a household living under the Lordship of Christ look like? What do redeemed relationships in a family look like?

**Text—**

Ephesians 5:22–6:9, ESV

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**I. Husbands & Wives Under Christ—**

*My call and faithfulness as a husband or wife, parent or child, lord or servant, is to Christ; it isn't based on the worthiness of the person I'm otherwise related to and interacting with.*

Husbands living under Christ:

What—

- V 25 husbands, **love** your wives
- V28 husbands should **love** their wives
- V33 Let each one of you **love** his wife
  - \* Colossians 3:19

How—

- V 25 as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her (*intentionally, thoughtfully, strategically, sacrificially*)
- V26 that he might sanctify and cleanse her (*the goal is that our wife matures through our thoughtful and consistent efforts*)
- V 27 to bring her to a state of splendor and holiness
- V 28 as their own bodies
- V 29 nourishing/cherishing

- \_\_\_ Do you have a plan to foster your wife's spiritual, emotional, and physical health?
- \_\_\_ Is your wife becoming more the person God her Father wants her to be THROUGH your thoughtful leadership?
- \_\_\_ Do you pray FOR your wife? Pray WITH your wife?
- \_\_\_ Does your wife have everything she needs to be successful in managing the home?
- \_\_\_ Do you require your children to obey and honor their mother?
- \_\_\_ Time away from kids/home responsibilities?
- \_\_\_ Time w/ others who encourage her
- \_\_\_ Asking her what God's showing her in the Scriptures
- \_\_\_ Asking her what would be helpful
- \_\_\_ Would your wife say she is loved by you as Christ loves the Church?

### Wives living under Christ:

What—

- V 22, **Submit** to her own husband as she would Christ.
- V 24 As the church **submits** to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.
- V 33, let the wife see that she **respects** her husband.

- \_\_\_ Do you pray for your husband?
- \_\_\_ Does your husband know you respect him?
- \_\_\_ Do you build your husband up to your children and friends?
- \_\_\_ Can your husband count on your support?
- \_\_\_ Have you asked your husband what he would appreciate by way of support?

Cf. 1 Peter 2:18–3:7

## II. Children & Parents Under Christ—

### Children living under Christ

6:1 Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

6:2 “**Honor** your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),

If you’re living in your parents home:

- \_\_\_ Do you pray for your parents?
- \_\_\_ Are you characterized by obedience?
- \_\_\_ Do you obey as soon as you’re told to, with a good attitude?
- \_\_\_ Would others who know you think you respect and obey your parents?

If you’ve moved out of your parents home:

- \_\_\_ Do you pray for your parents?
- \_\_\_ Do you communicate value and respect to your parents? Cards, calls,
- \_\_\_ Do you, or are you willing to, help your folks as able when they have physical or financial needs?

### Fathers/Parents living under Christ

V 4 Fathers, **do not provoke** your children to anger,

V4 .... but bring them up in the **discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

- \_\_\_ Do you have a plan by which you will help your children become fully devoted followers of Christ?
- \_\_\_ Do you pray for your children? Pray with your children?
- \_\_\_ Dads, especially, do you apologize to your children when you’ve provoked them?
- \_\_\_ Are you intentionally guiding your children to full grown discipleship under Christ?
- \_\_\_ Are you reading your Bible together as a family
- \_\_\_ Age appropriately do you guide your children into their own devotional life w/ the Lord?
- \_\_\_ Do you help your children grow in discernment (friends, vocation, finances, etc?)
- \_\_\_ Are you discussing the events of life around the table and bringing to bear God’s word in each?

## III. Servants & Masters Under Christ—

### Employees should:

- Pray for our employers.
- Carry out our employer’s wishes as we would if Christ were the CEO, supervisor, w/ sincerity and goodwill.

### Employers should:

- Pray for our employees.
- Lead, guide, and pray as if each employee is a representative of Christ.

## IV. God’s House is Open—

A family that knows the love of God is meant to also share the love of God w/ others. Is your house and family welcoming to: single adults, those who are new to the Church, your children’s friends, neighbors