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## **Authentic Christianity**

The Privileges & Responsibilities Of The Christian

Ephesians 5:22-6:9

*Fulfilling The Greatest Needs*

- I. Review:
  - A. We are so privileged - Ephesians 1,2
  - B. Therefore we have great responsibilities - Ephesians 3-6
- II. A Perfect Illustration - Ephesians 5:32
  - A. Mystery - marriage is a sacred reflection of the mystery relationship of Christ to His Church
  - B. Our relationship with Christ should be characterized by submission, love and obedience
- III. Needs, Commands and Motivations
  - A. Wives:
    1. Husband's need for respect - v.33
    2. Her command to submit - v.22a
    3. Motivation: as to the Lord - v.22b
  - B. Husbands:
    1. Wife's need is to be cherished - v.25a,28,29
    2. His command is to love sacrificially - v.25a,33
    3. Motivation: as Christ loved the church - v.25b
  - C. Children/Servants:
    1. Need for boundaries and guidance
    2. Their command to obey - 6:1,5
    3. Motivation: in the Lord - v.1; as to Christ - v.5; as bondservants of Christ - v.6; as to the Lord - v.7; receive from the Lord - v.8; own Master in heaven - v.9