

Ephesians Series

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The Model of the Mystery

Ephesians 5:28–32



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK & WARFARE OF THE BELIEVER

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Eph. 5:25–33 is the central passage for two metaphors describing the relationship of the Church to Jesus Christ. These two metaphors, the bride of Christ and the body of Christ, illustrate the authority of Christ over the Church corporate and individuals within the Church.

ETERNAL REALITIES

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“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

Acts 16:31



Ephesians 2:22
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New man,
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2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Eph. 5:28, “In this same manner *that Christ loved the church* so also husbands ought to love their wives; he who loves his wife loves himself.” [RD]

οὕτως *houtos*

**BDAG ① referring to what precedes, in this manner, thus, so
“In the same manner *that Christ loved the church, ...*”**

**ἀγαπάω *agapaō*
pres act infin
to love**

ὀφείλω *opheilō*

**3 plur pres act indic
to be obligated [to have a moral/spiritual obligation];
to owe, to be indebted; [here
to have a moral/spiritual obligation or to owe a spiritual responsibility to God.]**

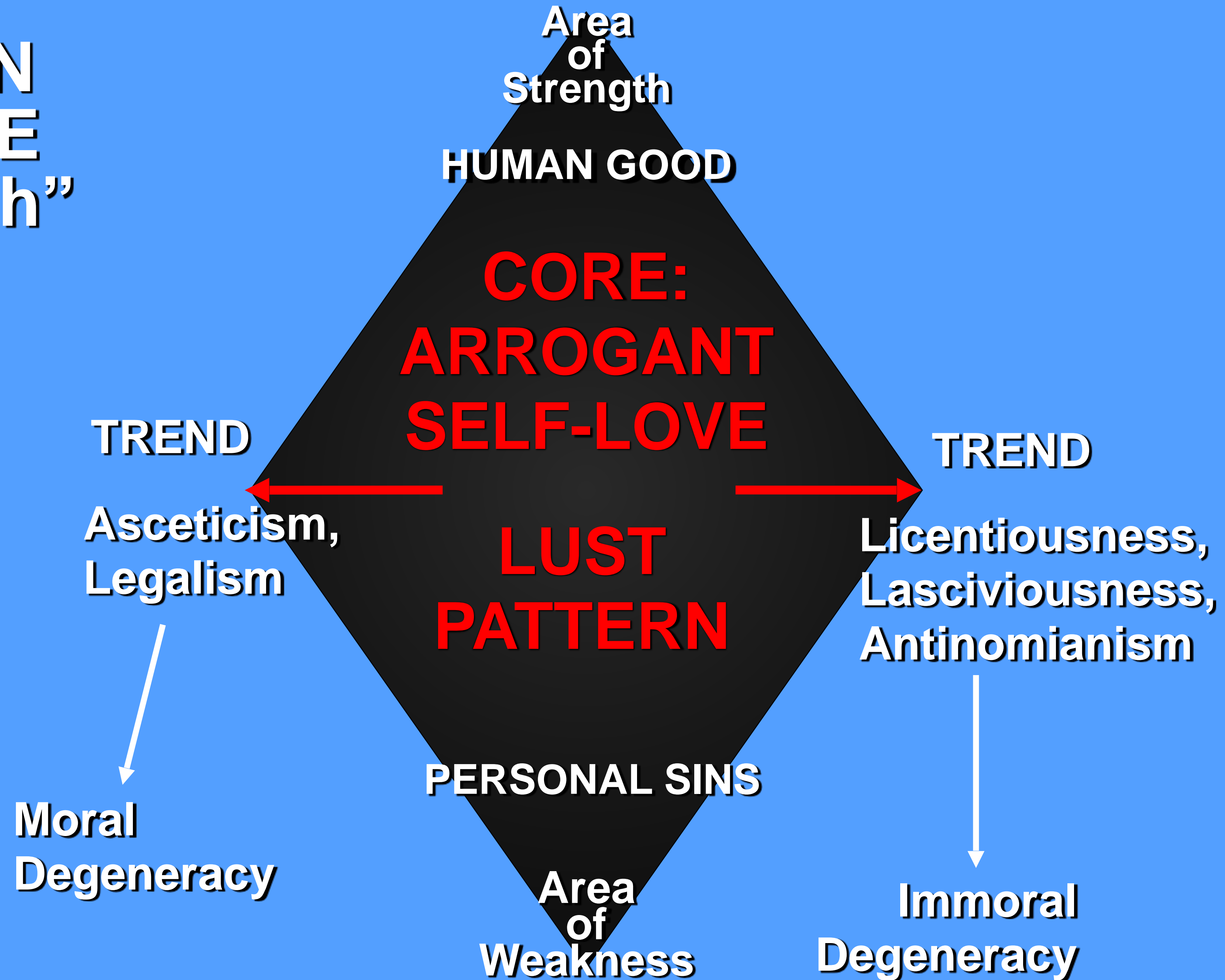
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masc sing nom
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THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



Lev. 19:18b, “... you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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This is NOT saying you have to love yourself before you can love others.

It IS saying that we normally put ourselves first. This is love for self, it is arrogant love for self, which is the normal orientation of the sin nature.

The command here is get your eyes off of self and on to God and others.

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Paul refers to the Church as Christ's body:

Eph. 1:22, “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23, “which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

Eph. 2:16, “and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

Eph. 4:16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

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Emphasis

The husband should take time to reflect on the love Christ has for His Church, for His body, and its characteristics for his own love for his wife.

**Volitional,
Unchanging,
Eternal,
Faithful,
Dependable,
Loyal,
Sacrificial;**

God's love is based on God's integrity, not on who we are or what we have done.

Our love should be based on God's integrity and the example of Christ on the Cross dying for His Church, His body, His bride!

Eph. 5:31, “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*” [quotation from Gen. 2:24]

Gen. 2:23, “And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’

Gen. 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Gen. 2:25, “And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

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Eph. 5:32, “This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

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“Mystery” refers to a previously unrevealed truth, something that humans could not understand or develop on their own, but is now revealed.

What is revealed? The union between Christ and the Church, which is what he has already explained in Eph. 5:29–30.

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**πλήν plēn Conjunction
coord (advers)
is used “to conclude a
discussion and
emphasize what is
essential”**

**φοβέω phobeō
Verb 3 sing pres mid subj
to fear; revere**

**Eph. 5:21, “submitting to
one another in the fear of
God.”**

Fear of the Lord

Prov. 1:7, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

(Lev. 19:14; 25:17; Deut. 6:13; Josh. 4:24; 24:14; Psa. 67:7; 111:10; Acts 9:31; Rom. 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:11; 7:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; Rev. 14:7; 15:4; 19:5)

Conclusion:

Wives are to submit to their husbands as to the Lord.

Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her and continues to nourish and cherish His bride and body.

Christian Love

1. The ultimate mandate for the mentality and life characteristic of every believer in Christ.

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Christian Love

2. A quality produced as “fruit of the Spirit;” only possible as a result of walking by means of the Spirit.

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,”

3. Definition:

Seeking the “highest and best” for the object of love.

“Highest and best” is defined by God, not by self-centered desires, the human viewpoint culture of the day, or emotions.

4. Husbands are mandated and expected to love their wives unconditionally, not only when they are being submissive, kind, loving, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit, but when they are not, when they are operating on their sin nature, and when they exhibit unloveable traits.