



Discussion Questions

5:21–33

What is the nature of the submission of a Christian wife to her Christian husband (vv 22–25)?

How would you answer someone who would say being a submissive wife means allowing for “toxic masculinity” or the oppression of women?

Paul sets a very high standard for husband’s love of their wives (vv 25–28). Why do you think such a heavy burden is placed on the men?

Many consider Paul’s instructions in this chapter to be outdated because it seems to make the husband “higher” than the wife. Is this the case?

When Paul refers to the church as “the great mystery” (v 32), he has just quoted Genesis 2:24. What does this say about the foundational nature of the church if he puts it alongside this first command to Adam concerning marriage?