

## Ephesians

### Lesson 10: Ephesians 5:21-33

#### Review Questions

Take a few minutes to look back at the first chunk of chapter 5 and remember these elements:

What relationship does Paul lay out between darkness, light, and the Church?

What is the proper Christian response to the world's ways of darkness?

Paul has already described the Church as the body of the King, the temple where God lives, and the nation in which everyone is a citizen. What image does Paul add in this passage?

Paul has already described a certain form of community life informed by salvation. What among those themes does he continue in his description of marriage?

What does it mean for two human beings to be "one flesh"? How do you see this relating to the idea of Church as the body of the King?

What bits and pieces have you picked up about the nature of marriage in the Roman Empire? What does Paul seem to be running with, and what does Paul seem to be opposing?

Some commentaries suggest that Paul in this passage is writing to men married to pagan women and women married to pagan men. Does this reading seem convincing, and do you think that what Paul says applies especially, just as much, to some extent, or not at all to spouses who are not believers?

Wright's commentary takes this passage as an occasion to go after liberals in English society. He says that the people who pretend to be apathetic about "moral norms" all of a sudden become very strident in attacking this view of marriage as immoral. What do you make of his approach?