

# *Study of of Ephesians 5*

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## *Ephesians 5:1-33*

*Be you therefore **followers of Elohim**, as dear children; 2 And **walk in LOVE**, as Messiah also has loved us, and has given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to Elohim for a sweet-smelling savour.*

All of Scripture including Messiah Himself tells us that we should follow and or mimic Messiah's life, the totally Torah loving surrendered obedient life that He led while He was here on earth. He **IS** our example and His example teaches us that we are to obey the Commandments of our heavenly Father in the very same manner and with the same fervour that Messiah obeyed and followed them, and that is with total surrendered unwavering obedience, and here Paul admonishes **ALL** of us **TO DO THE SAME**. When we follow in Messiah's footsteps and willingly choose to obey the Commandments of our heavenly Father through the **LOVE** that we have for Him, our whole lives become a sweet-smelling savour to our heavenly Father.

When and **IF** we do choose to follow in Messiah's footsteps and willingly and lovingly obey the Commandments of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **THEN** we can expect that we will put away the things that we used to do that displeased Elohim, *verse 3 But fornication, all uncleanness, all covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becomes saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient **BE NAMED AMONG YOU**:*

As you can see for yourself, **IF** we willingly follow the admonishment of Paul and truly become willing **followers of Elohim**, then our lives will be forever changed and instead of sinning or transgressing the Torah on a daily basis and walking contrary to YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of life, we will find ourselves *rather walking in obedience to Elohim's everlasting Word and giving thanks to Elohim, for His grace, mercy, forgiveness and love.*

*Verse 5 For this **YOU KNOW**, that*

*No whore-monger*

*No unclean person*

*No covetous man, who is an idolater*

*Has any inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and of Elohim.*

Paul makes it very clear that the people who display the characteristics mentioned above will **NOT** have an inheritance in the kingdom of Elohim, which means that that person and all others that choose to walk contrary to the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH **WILL** spend eternity **OUTSIDE** of the kingdom of Elohim, never ever experiencing the beauty and awesome presence of Elohim, and the place where these people will be sent to is a place where there will be howling, crying and gnashing of teeth. It is **NOT** a place where any of us want to spend eternity. The only way to avoid being tossed out of the kingdom of Elohim is through willingly surrendering our wills to our heavenly Father and learn to obey and **DO** the Word of Elohim, obey and willingly and lovingly **KEEP** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

*Verse 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words:*

It is important for us to understand that the only place in this whole wide world and in the universe for that matter that deception **CAN DWELL IS IN THE MIND OF MAN**. Elohim created **ALL** things by and with His Word and we are told in Scripture in *Psalm 119:151* that the Word of Elohim **IS TRUTH** and **TRUTH IS ETERNAL**, and we are told that Elohim created **ALL** things by the Words of His mouth, therefore **ALL** that Elohim created **IS** created **BY TRUTH**, and since **IT IS TRUTH** there **IS NO LIE, NO DECEPTION IN** Elohim's Creation. The only exception to the rule, **IS** mankind, for Elohim gave every human being **FREE CHOICE** and with that free choice man **CAN**, and many times **IS** deceived or becomes the deceiver by willingly disobeying YHVH's Torah of Life and even going as far as cursing Elohim. There are times when people come to that conclusion on their own, but most times it is because they are persuaded by the words of men, by men's man made doctrines which try to refute or call into question the validity of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Word, His Torah of Life. It is very **IMPORTANT** for us to understand that **IT IS MAN MADE THEOLOGY AND OR DOCTRINES OF MEN** that teach that the inerrant and everlasting Word of Elohim, His Torah of Life has either been **partially** or **totally done away with** and because people do **NOT** search the Scriptures as the Bereans did to find out for themselves **WHETHER THAT MAN MADE STATEMENT IS TRUE OR NOT**, they are easily **DECEIVED** into believing **THE LIES CONTAINED IN ALL MAN MADE DOCTRINES**. That is why **ALL** the Prophets, the Apostles, the Disciples and Messiah warned us to *Let no man DECEIVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS*, with words contained in man made doctrines.

Paul tells us that when we are **DECEIVED** and choose to act on the basis of that deception we **WILL** encounter the wrath of Elohim; *for BECAUSE of these things comes the wrath of Elohim upon the children of disobedience*.

I have always told you that **ALL** the words of Scripture, every last one of them are very, very important and these words are no exception. Here Paul tells us that *the wrath of Elohim comes upon the children of DISOBEDIENCE. IF THAT IS TRUE, THEN* we have to find out what **THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE, DISOBEYED**, so that we can insure that we do **NOT** follow in their footsteps and become **CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE** and have the wrath of Elohim fall upon us.

The only thing that Elohim has repeatedly asked us to obey **IS** His inerrant and everlasting Word, His Torah of Life, which is called the **TRUTH** in Scripture. *Psalm 119:160 Your WORD is TRUE from the beginning: and EVERY ONE of Your righteous judgments endures FOR EVER*; and in *John 17:17 Sanctify them through Your TRUTH: Your WORD IS TRUTH*.

Through these verses the Psalmist and John make it very, very clear, that the Word of Elohim **IS TRUTH**. However we are also told that the **COMMANDMENTS** of Elohim **ARE TRUTH** *Psalm 119:151 You are near, O YHVH; and ALL Your commandments are TRUTH*. Furthermore we are told that YHVH's Torah **IS TRUTH**; *Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah (Law) IS the TRUTH*. And finally in *Ephesians 1:13* we are told that the **GOSPEL IS the TRUTH**, *In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the Word of TRUTH, the GOSPEL of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise*. Since the **Word of Elohim**, His **Commandments**, His **Torah** and the **Gospel** are **ALL** called the **TRUTH**, **IT MEANS** that they are **ALL ONE and the same entity**, they are synonymous terms, therefore we must conclude that **WHAT the children of disobedience DISOBEYED, IS** Elohim's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, His

eternal **TRUTH. IT IS** very important that we understand and believe, what Paul is teaching us, **IS** that we are to **KEEP** and **DO** the Torah of YHVH, **KEEP and FOLLOW** YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, in order that we do **NOT** become **CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE** and suffer the wrath of Elohim.

*Verse 7 Be not you therefore partakers with them.*

Paul's instructions are very simple to understand, Paul says **DON'T** be partakers of the disobedience to YHVH's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions as the **CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE ARE, DON'T** become Lawless, don't become Torah transgressors, for **IF** we do, Messiah told us in *Mathew 7:21-23 Not every one that says unto Me, Adonai, Adonai, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but HE THAT DOES THE WILL of My Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, Adonai, Adonai, have we not prophesied in Your name? And in Your name have rebuked devils? And in Your name done many wonderful WORKS? 23 And then will I Messiah profess unto them, I never KNEW YOU: depart from me, you that work lawlessness, you that work Torahlessness, iniquity.*

For your information, just in case you are **NOT** sure what the will of our heavenly Father **IS** let me show you what the Father said His will **IS**.

*Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear Me, and KEEP ALL MY COMMANDMENTS, MY TRUTH ALWAYS, that it might be well with them, and with their children FOR EVER!*

*Deuteronomy 8:1 ALL the Commandments which I YHVH command you this day SHALL YOU OBSERVE TO DO, THAT YOU MAY LIVE, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the YHVH swore unto your fathers.*

*Deuteronomy 10:12 -13 And now, Israel, what does YHVH your Elohim require of you, BUT to fear YHVH your Elohim, to walk in all His WAYS, and to love Him, and to serve YHVH your Elohim with ALL your heart and with all your soul, 13 to KEEP the Commandments of YHVH, and His statutes, which I command you this day for your good?*

And finally *Deuteronomy 27:26 Cursed IS he that confirms NOT ALL the Words of this Torah, this Law TO DO THEM. And all the people shall say, Amen.*

All of Scripture makes it very clear that the **WILL** of the Father, **IS** that **ALL** of His children **hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, obey and DO**, His Torah, that His children follow and Obey His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life and **NOT** be like those that YHVH was disgusted and disappointed with in *Isaiah 5:24 Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: BECAUSE THEY HAVE CAST AWAY THE TORAH, THE LAW OF YHVH OF HOSTS, and DESPISED the WORD of the Holy One of Israel.*

Let me ask you a question; are the so called people of houses of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob respecting, obeying and following the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life in the manner, spirit and pureness that our heavenly Father wants us and commands us to, **OR** are they following their own man made version, their own man made

doctrine which they **CALL** the Word of the Father? I have formed my own opinion on this matter and therefore this is a question that you will have to answer for yourself.

But as for me, I believe that our heavenly Father emphatically states that He **DOES NOT WANT** any of us to follow the **DOCTRINES OF MAN** which lead to death; **BUT** instead He wants us to follow the doctrine of Messiah that leads to Life which also has the added bonus that when we willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Father's Words, both the Father and the Son **come and make their abode with us**, which is why He created us in the first place.

*2John 1:9 Whosoever transgresses, and abides not in the Doctrine of Messiah, has NOT Elohim. He that abides in the Doctrine of Messiah, he HAS both the Father and the Son. Some might ask what IS the Doctrine of Messiah?*

We are told what the **Doctrine of Messiah IS**, in John 7:16 Yeshua answered them, and said, **My doctrine is not My own, but it is the doctrine of Him that sent Me.**

The One that sent Messiah **is of course our heavenly Father** and He tells us in Proverbs 4:2 *For I give you **GOOD DOCTRINE, FORSAKE YOU NOT MY TORAH (Law).** Proverbs 3:1-4 *My son, forget not My Torah (Law); but let your heart **KEEP** My Commandments: 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you. 3 Let not mercy and **TRUTH (Torah)** forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart: 4 So shall you find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man.**

YHVH wants **ALL** of us to internalize His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions and thereby become children of Light, children of obedience unto eternal life and **NOT children of disobedience** unto eternal damnation.

*Verse 8 For you **WERE** sometimes darkness, **BUT NOW** are you light in Adonai: walk as children of light:*

We are told in Scripture that Messiah **IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** therefore when Paul tells us to walk as children of Light, He is telling us to walk as children of Messiah, and since Messiah **IS** the Living Word of the Father made flesh, He **IS** the Living Torah, we must conclude that when Paul tells us to walk as children of Light, he is telling us or better yet he is admonishing us **TO WALK IN TOTAL SURRENDERED OBEDIENCE TO THE INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS OF ELOHIM, HIS TORAH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

*Verse 9 For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and **TRUTH.** Here Paul explains to us that the fruit of the Spirit of Elohim **IS IN ALL** goodness, righteousness and **TRUTH.** We have just established that **TRUTH**, the Torah, the Commandments, the Word, and the Gospel **ARE ONE AND THE SAME ENTITY**, they are synonymous terms, and since YHVH has told us that like kind produces like kind, then those that **OBEY** the Commandments of Elohim, those people that choose to **OBEY** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **WILL** produce the fruit of Elohim's Holy Spirit. Let me give you a little more Scripture to support that statement. Deuteronomy 6:25 *And it shall be our righteousness, **IF** we observe to do **ALL** these Commandments before YHVH our Elohim, **AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.****

*Verse 10 Proving what is acceptable unto YHVH.*

Here Paul says that **the goodness** that is found in YHVH's Righteousness, which **IS JUST A SYNONYM** for YHVH's Torah, His Words and His **TRUTH**, His witness to us, **PROVES** to us what **IS** acceptable to Elohim. So if we want to know what is acceptable to Elohim we simply have to refer to His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. *Micah 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is **GOOD** and **ACCEPTABLE**; and what YHVH does **REQUIRE** of you, **BUT to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?*** We cannot walk humbly with our Elohim **IF** we are walking in disobedience to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions; therefore the simple **TRUTH IS** that we **MUST OBEY** YHVH's inerrant and everlasting Word in order to walk **HUMBLY WITH OUR ELOHIM**.

*Verse 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, **BUT** rather reprove them.* What are the unfruitful works of darkness? The unfruitful works of darkness are **ANYTHING** that contravenes or **DOES NOT LINE UP** with the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, His Torah of Life.

*Verse 12 For **IT IS** a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.* Paul has admonished us **NOT** to have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but he has gone even further by admonishing us not to even speak of them, for in speaking of them we give them credence and someone might just misunderstand what we are saying and thereby search out these *unfruitful works of darkness*, and be somehow influenced by them. Paul tells us **NOT** to even mention *unfruitful works of darkness* and especially **NOT** to give the *unfruitful works of darkness* any thought at all, except to reprove them when and if anyone brings them up.

*Verse 13 But **ALL** things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever does make manifest is light.*

As Messiah said **ALL** things will be brought into the Light, to be exposed and compared to the Word of Elohim to see **IF IT ALIGNS ITSELF WITH THE WAYS OF YHVH**, and **ALL THINGS** that **DO NOT** align themselves with the Word of YHVH, everything that **DOES NOT** align itself with YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His works of Righteousness, His Torah of Life, **WILL BE DESTROYED**.

*14 Wherefore He says, Awake you that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Messiah shall give you light.*

Here Paul compares those that are asleep to being dead. Why is that, why are those that sleep compared to the dead. Throughout Scripture we are told that the Word of Elohim **IS** life to all those that take a hold **of it to obey it with loving surrendered obedient hearts**. Therefore those that sleep according to Paul's metaphor, are ones that are **NOT KEEPING** nor following the Word of Elohim and therefore, they are classified as dead, since obeying and doing the Word of Elohim gives us life. Let's look at some Scripture that supports that fact.

*Deuteronomy 8:1 ALL the Commandments which I command you this day **SHALL YOU OBSERVE** to do, **THAT YOU MAY LIVE**, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which YHVH swore unto your fathers.*

*Romans 10:5 For Moses describes the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** which is of the Torah (Law), that the man who **DOES THOSE THINGS** shall **LIVE BY THEM**.* This verse and many others tell us that Keeping and doing the Father's Torah **IS LIFE TO US**, whereas **NOT** keeping and doing His Torah of Life will result in our eternal death.

*Deuteronomy 27:26 Cursed be he that does **NOT** confirm **ALL THE WORDS OF THIS TORAH (LAW) TO DO THEM.** And all the people shall say, Amen. YHVH could not make it any clearer, He wants us and commands us to believe, follow obey and **DO** His Torah of Life. Amein*

*Verse 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as **WISE**, To walk wisely one must rely on some kind of **WISDOM** and where do we get this **WISDOM** from, according to Scripture? *Deuteronomy 4:5-6 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as YHVH my Elohim commanded me, that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it. 6 **KEEP** therefore and **DO** these statutes and judgments; for this **IS** your **WISDOM** and your **UNDERSTANDING** in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a **WISE** and **UNDERSTANDING** people.**

Therefore **IF** we are to walk as **WISE MEN AND WOMEN** as Paul is admonishing us to do, **THEN WE MUST KEEP and OBEY all the Words of the** Torah that was Given to Mosheh, by Yahweh, at Mount Sinay, with surrendered repentant, contrite and obedient surrendered hearts.

*Verse 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

What does Paul mean when He says that the days are evil? To understand what evil **IS** we have to understand what **GOOD IS** in order to have a measuring point, a point of comparison. In the Hebrew Scriptures the word **GOOD** is translated from the Hebrew word Tov, טוב, and the definition of the Word Tov, טוב, **IS** that which is functioning in the manner that it was created to function. Therefore **IF** something **IS NOT** functioning in the manner that it was created to function, **THEN** it comes under the category of being **EVIL**. Man was created as a companion for Elohim and **IS** to be holy as YHVH Himself is Holy, **BUT** we fell way short of the Mark of being Holy as He is Holy. We are told in *Micah 6:1 YHVH has showed you, O man, what is **GOOD**; and what does YHVH require of you, but to **DO JUSTLY**, and to **LOVE MERCY**, and to **WALK HUMBLY** with your Elohim?* When man does **NOT** function in the way that he was created to function, then that means that **HE IS EVIL** and therefore the days that he is living in are evil.

*Verse 17 Wherefore be you **NOT** unwise, **BUT** understanding what the will of YHVH **IS**.*

We are told **NOT** to be unwise which means that we are admonished to **BE WISE**, and **AS** Scripture quite emphatically states, the Statutes and Judgements of YHVH, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life **IS WISDOM**. Therefore Paul is telling us that we must walk in total surrendered loving obedience to the Torah of Mosheh.

*Verse 18 And be **NOT** drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **BUT** be filled with the Spirit;*

What Paul is telling us is to **NOT** be filled with the things of this world which can and do make a person **drunk** with the lusts of the world, **but rather we are to be filled** with, and surrendered to the Holy Spirit of Elohim who was given to every believer for the very specific purpose of **CAUSING** every willing believer to walk out and obey YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, *Ezekiel 37:26-27.*

*Verse 19 Speaking to yourselves in Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to YHVH; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto Elohim and the Father in the name of our Adonai Yeshua Messiah;*

Paul is telling us the same thing he told us in *1Thessalonians 5:16-22 Rejoice always 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this IS the will of Elohim in Messiah Yeshua CONCERNING YOU. 19 Quench NOT the Spirit. 20 Despise NOT prophesying. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which IS GOOD. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.* Paul tells us to pray without ceasing and when we do, we are to repeat YHVH's Words back to Him, for His Words are Light, they are **TRUTH** and therefore they are everlasting.

*Verse 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of Elohim.*

Paul is telling us that we have to be accountable to each other, in order that we do **NOT** stray from the Word of Elohim. Each member of the family of Elohim **IS TO BE** a barometer for his brother in **LOVE**, and thereby help the body of Messiah, His people, to stay spiritually and physically healthy.

*Verse 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto YHVH. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Messiah is the head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is SUBJECT unto Messiah, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the church, and gave Himself for it;*

Now in today's society, in the days that we now live in, in the days of women's rights and the like, this statement *is absolutely abhorrent* to a lot of people, and yet **IT IS ONE** of Elohim's **TRUTHS**. So what are **WE** to think of it, do we go with what *is politically correct* or do we defend the Word of Elohim and continue to insist that women are to **submit** themselves to their husbands as YHVH **COMMANDS THEM TO?**

Well, let me help you make that decision. First of all we must read on and get all the facts before we can make an informed comment or decision. *Verse 25* is a key *verse* and it says *Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the church, and gave Himself for it.* Now, **IF** every man could love His wife as Messiah loved the church (His Bride) and **IF** every man was willing **TO DIE** for His wife as Messiah was more than willing and **did die** for the church (His Bride), and the wife understood and new this **TO BE TRUE OF HER HUSBAND, I believe that there WOULDN'T be even one woman who would not be willing to submit to her husband under those circumstances,** for that would mean that the husband loves His wife unconditionally, a love without end, for the love of Messiah **IS** infinite and everlasting love. Submission to someone who has **ONLY YOUR** best interest at heart and wants **NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR YOU ISN'T** really submission as we understand it in today's vernacular, **IT IS, I BELIEVE,** something that is very beautiful, natural and acceptable to all human beings, for we are told in Scripture that man **MUST SUBMIT** to Messiah our bridegroom in the very same manner that the wife is to **SUBMIT** to her husband.

Now to further emphasize and demonstrate that this **submission is beneficial to both parties** let's read on: *Verse 26 That He might sanctify and cleanse the Church (His Bride) with the washing of water by the Word, 27 That He might present her to Himself, a glorious church (Bride), not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

Now for all you wives I want you to read this over very, very carefully again and again and picture your husband doing what He is Commanded to do and treating you in the very same manner **as Messiah is treating His Bride, the Church,** and I ask you, how does **submitting** to a man that worships the ground that you walk on and who is ready to give His life for you sound **NOW?**

This type of submission my friends is **NOT** one person lording it over another, as a matter of fact this is actually two people showing their deep concern and love for each other, one by submitting to the protective and loving authority of her husband and the other by being a godly leader of his family and his wife, protecting them from every evil thing and treating his wife as **IF** she is the most precious gift of Elohim in his life. *Proverbs 18:22 Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing, and OBTAINS FAVOUR OF YHVH.* Now I want each and every wife that reads this teaching to imagine in your heart that your husband thinks of you in this manner, as **IF** he thought of you as a **GIFT** from Elohim, because Elohim was favouring him, **how do you suppose that would make you feel**, knowing that **your man thinks that highly of you**, and that to him, you are a **GIFT** from Elohim, don't you think that **submitting** to that kind of husband's authority, would be a blessing to you also, as you are a blessing to him? That my friends, is what YHVH means by the Commandment to the wife to submit to her husband. To help you understand even further the beauty of surrendering let's read what James tells us *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* That is the type of protective **submission** that Paul is admonishing the wives to have towards their husbands in these *verses*. Amen.

*Verse 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself.* If we can get passed the word **SUBMIT** and see the benefits in obeying Elohim's Commandments including the commandment of **submission**, then I believe that we would have marriages that would last forever.

*Verse 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as YHVH the church:*

Again I have to ask the wives a question. Have you ever felt cherished by your husband? **NOW** while the women are pondering that thought, let me ask the men a question. Now men, have you ever really **CHERISHED YOUR WIFE**? If any of you answered yes to that question and said Yes I have done so in the past and still do cherish my wife, then that brings another question to mind, **HOW DID YOU SHOW YOUR WIFE THAT YOU CHERISH HER**? If it is simply an intellectual cherishing, something you feel, **THEN IS IT REALLY REAL**, for we have a teaching from James that says *Faith without WORKS is dead*, and the very same principle **CAN AND SHOULD BE APPLIED TO CHERISHING ONE'S WIFE, cherishing without WORKS is DEAD**. Keep that in mind **all you men** that say you cherish your wives and start **DOING** something about it, and **IF** you have done something about it in the past, then keep up the good work.

*Verse 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.* In other words we have become **ONE** with Messiah, **IF** we can learn to **SUBMIT** our wills to His. *31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Messiah and the church.*

Here Paul is comparing the intimacy between a man and his wife to the intimacy that Messiah has with His bride, the Church, the Qahal, the Assembly, the Family of Yisrael and Yehudah, where Messiah and His Qahal become **ONE**, and therefore they are walking in harmony with each other, and the harmony that they walk in my friends, is called the **inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father**, the Words of Elohim, **His Torah of Life**. Please note also that the comparison is made between **husband and wife** and **NOT WITH HUSBAND AND PARTNER**.

*Verse 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*

The final instruction that Paul leaves every husband and wife with, is extremely important for the welfare and stability of any and all marriages, and that final instruction is that the husband ***IS to LOVE*** His wife ***AS MESSIAH LOVED HIS BRIDE, which is with unconditional love***, and the wife ***IS to reverence*** her husband just as the bride of Messiah, the Church ***IS to reverence*** Messiah because of His great unselfish self sacrificing love towards His Bride the Church, the Qahal, the Assembly. Now I hope that this has shed a different light on the biblical meaning of the Word or the idea of a woman ***submitting to her husband*** for both wives and husbands, because ***submission according to scripture is NOT ONE SIDED, it is an act of cooperation between husband and wife, and act of love and obedience to Elohim.*** We have to understand that ***WHEN*** we bring Elohim, and obedience to Elohim's Word into our marriages and make ***HIM the head of the family*** and the wife can actually see and understand that her husband ***IS*** truly ***submitting to the will of our heavenly Father THEN I BELIEVE THAT SUBMITTING TO THAT KIND OF HUSBAND WOULD BE A JOY RATHER THAN A BURDEN FOR ANY WIFE.*** Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein*