

Filled and Submitted

Series: *Identity: Who We Are in Christ*
(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)
– Ephesians 5:21 –

A pivotal verse. . . “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”



Marriage is built on mutual submission within the context of a covenant.

con•tract n.

1. An agreement between two or more parties – especially one that is written and enforceable by law
2. A writing or document containing such agreement
3. Marriage as a formal agreement 957-2825 919-7303186

cov•e•nant n.

1. A _____ of life and death; an all or nothing commitment
2. Root: “To _____”

Covenant is in the very heart and nature of God Himself:

* Psalm 105:8-10

* Isaiah 54:10

* Matthew 26:28

* Hebrews 13:20-21

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. Have circumstances ever tempted you to feel abandoned by God? In those times, how might you be helped by a picture of God as husband renewing His vows (Isa. 55:10)?
3. How does our modern day view of marriage compare to this teaching about covenant?
4. It’s been said that “the human heart resists nothing more than change.” What truths in this message – truths that could require some changes in your life – cause some degree of hesitation and resistance inside you?
5. How can reaffirming your marital commitment protect and strengthen your marriage relationship? How can it help you have a marriage God desires?