



Ephesians Chapters 5 Living With In His Grace

Last week in our study into the 5th chapter of the book of Ephesians we walked through the scriptures in whole and not in part. We not only studied the things that Paul told the church at Ephesus... but we also studied what he told us in his other writings to the churches of Galatia and Corinth, and his letter to Timothy. And we also looked at what Paul told us in his letter to the church at Ephesus in contrast to what we find elsewhere in the scripture so that we would understand the writings of the Apostle Paul properly, and be able to keep them in the proper context.

It's important to understand that the Apostle Paul would never go against what is found in his Messiah's Torah. The Apostle Paul always kept the law as did all of the Apostles and we should know that from reading through Acts chapter 21 verses 18 through 24, and all through out the New Testament writings.

So in order to understand what Paul is trying to tell us in his letter to the church at Ephesus.. we must understand the rest of the story.. and when I say the rest of the story... I'm talking about all 66 books of the Bible and both of the books that we mistakenly call... the “Old” and the “New” Testaments. We must remember that the whole of the Bible is “One Testament”, and should be viewed that way when reading it. Our Father from the beginning had already thought, and planned out all that would be, and all that would come to pass, and was well aware of things past, present, and future. There was no trick that our adversary could ever pull that our Father was not already keenly aware of. There is no chess move that the Devil can make to check mate the Father. There is no battle to great, nor is there any darkness to dark for the light of truth to cut through. And so it's important to understand the “Logo's” of our Father in Heaven. He indeed is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.. he does not change hats, nor does he treat anyone any differently because of what dispensation of time they might be living in.

And so when we read the writings of the Apostle Paul we can rest assured that he would never go against the will of his Messiah who came to preach and teach the word of his Father. And we know that Paul would never contradict himself. So what we need to always remember is that when Paul says something.. he means it.. but if we do not understand all of the writings of the Apostle Paul... it can be very easy for us to miss-understand his message.

And so with that I'd like to move into the last half of Ephesians chapter 5, and then move into chapter 6 here this morning.. so lets start where we left of in Ephesians chapter 5 verses 22 -33:

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Eph 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

Eph 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Eph 5:27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Eph 5:28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Eph 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,

Eph 5:30 because we are members of his body.

Eph 5:31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Eph 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Eph 5:33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

So.. before we move into the proper understanding of this scripture... I think it's fair to say that this scripture is not always very popular in today's culture. Today's modern day society seems to have an extremely difficult time accepting what the scripture clearly states here in Ephesians chapter five verses 22 through 33. And I would submit to you that even today's modern day professing Christians... have a difficult time accepting what the scripture clearly states here in the book of Ephesians.. and the reason why they have a difficult time accepting Paul's message is because they do not have the eyes to see.. nor do they have the ears to hear.

Once again I would remind us as we take these scriptures into our hearing.. that we can not hear them and receive them properly if we're going to hold fast to our own personal agenda's and filter what we hear through our own proverbial rose colored glasses.

We need to indeed ask him for the discernment to understand what's being said not only here... but all through out the Bible and his God breathed scriptures. And I know that we have a lot of free spirited... strong willed ladies out there who will ultimately hear this message.. but I also know that there are few free spirited.. strong willed ladies out there who will take the time to understand, and be obedient to this message.

It is written in Proverbs 11:22... that like a gold ring in a pig's snout.. is a beautiful women without discretion. And I believe that most of us.. can attest to the validity of that proverb. Like a gold ring in a pig's snout.. is a beautiful women with out discretion. Ladies I don't care how beautiful that you think you are.. with out discretion.. you have nothing. With out discretion you're nothing more than an empty shell, a wondering generality, an empty soul with no hope.

Today's generation is built upon the “selfie”. Today's generation loves to take pictures of themselves standing in the bathroom half dressed, or worse yet... not dressed. Movie stars, entertainers, and even News Anchors and so many of our court jesters.. all love to post pictures of themselves all over the world wide web.

Today we put more value in our looks than we do our hearts. And we think that if we sandblast and re-paint ourselves.. that the world will want us... and we'll be popular... and we'll have lots of friends.. and we'll attract someone that will love us... and that we'll be happy.

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout.. is a beautiful women... with out discretion. The psalmist goes on in verse 23 to say that the desire of the righteous ends only in good... but the expectation of the wicked... in wrath.

I want us to focus for a moment on Ephesians 5:22:

*Eph 5:22 Wives, **submit to your own husbands**, as to the Lord.*

God has set fourth a hierarchy on earth for those who would choose to walk in his ways and follow after him. And notice here that is does not say to submit to someone elses husband... it says “Wives submit to your own... husbands, as to the Lord”.

Let me ask the young ladies out there who are have not yet been married. How important do you young ladies suppose that it is to choose the right husband? How important do you suppose it is that you make sure that the man that you have selected to marry... is a Godly man? How important do you suppose it is that you select a man who walks in the way's of the Messiah, and understands what true love really is? A man who has the ability to lead because he himself is lead by the one who has lead him out of darkness and into the light. Wives submit to your own husbands.. as to the Lord.

So just as you submit yourselves to the Lord... you are to submit yourselves to your own husbands. So how important do you think it is to select the right man to marry? It's more than just a little important. And I know that there will be women who will hear this scripture and will continue to stomp their feet and beat on their chest until you remove it from the scripture. But remove it from the scripture... we can not.. and should not want to.

Ephesians 5:23-24:

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Eph 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

The husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, and I want us to notice something very hidden in what Paul says here in verse 23 that the majority of today's modern day professing Christians will never pick up on... he says and I quote: “and is his himself.. it's savior”. Did you catch that? Because I hope you did... lets read it again Ephesians 5:23:

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Can a man be the savior of his wife? Can a husband save his wife? Can a wife save her husband? Is this possible? Is this scriptural? Can a husband be a savior to his wife, or a wife be a savior to her husband? I think most self professing modern day Christians would be surprised to know that the answer to the question is a resounding .. “Yes”. Lets turn to 1st Corinthians 7:10=17:

1Co 7:10 To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband

1Co 7:11 (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

1Co 7:12 To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her.

1Co 7:13 If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

1Co 7:15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.

1Co 7:16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

1Co 7:17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

Once again we must read all of what Paul has said to all of the churches and not just what he says to one specific church. We must remember that each of these churches had specific problems and Paul was speaking very specifically to each one of them. So if you were to read

his letter to the church at Ephesus and not read his letter to the church at Corinth.. you may have a very misleading, and even twisted idea about what Paul was trying to convey.

And I think that the point of what Paul is trying to convey is... “Do not marry and unbeliever”. Why do we find Paul breaking these rules and regulations down here to the church at Corinth? Because many had done just that. They married an unbeliever, or one of them may have heard the Gospel message while married.. and chosen to follow the Messiah.. while their spouse chose not to. It happens every day. Two people who may have never considered the truth of the Gospel message may have married in their youth... and one may have chosen to follow after the Messiah and the other may have chosen not to. What do you do?

Each situation is different. Each situation needs to be thought through with prayer and supplication. Again... this is why we have prayer closets... and I hope you have one.. because I can't image anyone walking through this life and not having a prayer closet.

There are some who are married to an unbeliever, and even though the believer wants to stay married in order to save their unbelieving spouse.. the unbelieving spouse may chooses to leave. What then? Paul tells us in 1st Corinthians 7:15 that if they separate... let it be so. The bother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.

Now... I want us to understand that it was Eve that usurped the authority of Adam and listened to the serpent and was deceived. She chose not to listen to her own husband but rather to listen to the serpent.. and wound up introducing sin into the human race. And Adam chose to usurp the authority of God.. and listened to the woman... instead of listening to God...and was also deceived. But it was because of the woman who listened to the serpent in the first place who then gave it to her husband and he willingly took it. Lets turn to 1st Timothy 2:8-15:

1Ti 2:8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

1Ti 2:9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire,

1Ti 2:10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

1Ti 2:11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.

1Ti 2:12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve;

1Ti 2:14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

1Ti 2:15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Now there's a lot in this section of scripture but before we get into who was and who was not deceived.. lets cover what we find in verse 12. It's not that a woman can not teach... Paul

simply says that she is not to exercise authority over a man. Woman can indeed teach.. but they are not to exercise authority over a man and once again... there are some who have a very hard time understanding this... but we must be open to what the scripture says, and be ready to accept all of it and not just the parts of it that we like or approve of. I would submit to you that if we truly understand why Paul is telling us these things... we would be more than happy to do what we've been called to do. So lets see if we can better understand the bigger picture.

Now with out a doubt I understand what Paul has just said here about a woman not exorcising authority over a man in his letter to Timothy.. but I will also say this.. and just as I have said before... I will now say again... if I visit a church.. and find a woman teaching there... I will not turn around and walk out. I would sit right down and listen just as I would to any man that may be teaching that morning.

So with that being said.. Is that disobeying the scripture? No.. it is not. Just because I choose to sit and listen to a woman sharing the Gospel message does not mean that I am allowing her to exercise authority over me as a man. And again Paul's message is not to stop a woman from teaching... but only that she is not to exorcise authority over a man by doing so. But I tell you the truth my friends.. I would rather listen to a woman telling the truth of Gods word.. than listen to a man who is does not know the truth of Gods word. And I also believe that my Messiah and Paul both... would readily agree with me.

But I do want us to understand what is written. Paul clearly tells us in his letter to Timothy that it was Eve who was deceived and not Adam. Now what's he talking about there.. because we know that both Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. What Paul is saying is that Eve was deceived by the serpent not Adam. Adam ate of the fruit because his wife gave it to him. It should be pretty evident that Adam was in the garden long before Eve was created from his rib.. and Adam would have surly known about the serpent before hand.

But it was Eve who was deceived by the serpent not Adam. Adam loved Eve.. and because he loved her he trusted her.. Eve had no connection with the serpent.. at least that we're told of... and so there was no reason for her to ignore the commandment given by Adam who told her not to eat of the tree... but she did ignore her husband.. and just as Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:22.. Eve was to submit to Adam as to the Lord. So Eve didn't only disobey Adam her husband... she disobeyed both Adam and God, in order to befriend the serpent.

From this it is evident that Adam loved Eve so much.. that even though his Father had told him not to eat of that fruit... and even though Adam had never before taken that fruit from that tree in all of his days... he took it from the woman that he loved.. why? We have to ask ourselves why Adam had never taken the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil before eve came to town... and now all of a sudden... Adam decided to take it from his wife. Why did he not take it before... and now all of a sudden decided to take it? The answer should be evident. Because he loved her. Adam love her so much... that he knew if he didn't partake of that fruit

with her.. that God would of surly struck her dead just as he promised. But Adam had a relationship with God long before the woman.. and so he took it in the hopes that God would spare them both. And he did. Yet God had promised Adam that he surly would die... and die Adam did. And unfortunately so too is it appointed for every man to die once... and then the judgment... just as it is written in Hebrews 9:27 (NOTE: Don't go there).

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Now I know that there are a lot of very independent ladies out there who just love to debate this with me but I will not debate it.. there is nothing to debate. If we are building our houses on the rock and the foundation of Gods breathed scripture then there is no debate, and once again you don't need four years of seminary school, a bachelors degree in philosophy, or a PhD in human wisdom to understand these simple very clear scriptures that are repeated through out the scriptures from the beginning to the end of the book.

The Messiah... the “Christ” is the head of the church.. and this is the very parallel that Paul uses to describe the husband as the head of the wife. To deny this biblical fact is to deny the Messiah. So let's get it straight and lets take hold and lets continue to stand on the God breathed scriptures that we've been given so that we're not wondering off into every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man or a women through human cunning and deceitful schemes.

And so when we read Ephesians 5:23 and 24 we need to understand that there are parameters with in the marriage that must be abided by. There is a hierarchy that God has ordained with in the family, and there are rules and regulations that need to be abided by for a reason... and not just by the wife... but also by the husband. Lets continue on with Ephesians 5:25 through 30:

*Eph 5:25 **Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church** and **gave himself up for her,***

*Eph 5:26 **that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,***

*Eph 5:27 **so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that **she might be holy and without blemish.*****

*Eph 5:28 **In the same way **husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.**** He who loves his wife loves himself.*

*Eph 5:29 **For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,***

*Eph 5:30 **because we are members of his body.***

I want us to understand that headship is not dictatorship. We're told that the man is to love his wife as the Messiah loved the church... which means he is to love, lead, guide, provide, protect, and care for his wife just as our Messiah dose for the church. And I would think that with the God given common sense that we have been given... what woman would deny such a love?

What woman would deny such provision, and protection that comes directly from the heart of a man who loves her enough to lay down his own life just as his Messiah did? Think about that for just a moment. A woman who says this love is not good enough for me... and denies her husband... is saying that this love that comes from our Messiah is not good enough for her. Paul makes it clear that there is direct correlation between the Messiah and the church... and the man and the woman. So if a woman rejects a husband that is walking in the ways of his Messiah... she is also rejecting her Messiah. And notice what Paul says in verses 26 and 27:

Eph 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Eph 5:27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

How can a husband make his wife clean and with out spot or wrinkle or with out blemish? John 15:3:

Joh 15:3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

John 17:17:

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

If we want to put what Paul is telling us here in his letter to the church at Ephesus in a nut shell... all we have to do is read Colossians 3:16-25:

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Col 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Col 3:18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Col 3:22 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

Col 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Col 3:25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

And with that lets take a look at Ephesians 5:31 and 32:

*Eph 5:31 "Therefore a man shall **leave** his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."*

Eph 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Now where did Paul get that from? Lets turn to Genesis 2:24:

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

Once again just as we've said earlier.. Paul never strays from the Torah or the Old Testament. Paul is always quoting from what we wrongly call the "Old Testament". He never speaks against it, but rather for.. and with it. And Paul tells us very clearly that this mystery refers to the Messiah and the church. A man and a woman obviously do not physically become one flesh in the physical... but in a spiritual sense they do indeed become one flesh. The love, the understanding, the knowledge, the agreement, the truth of Gods word and the light of it make them one flesh just as we are all of one body in the Messiah. And just for your information Genesis 2:24 is quoted 4 times in the New Testament. You can find it in Ephesians 5:31.. Matthew 19:5 and 6... Mark 10:8.. and 1st Corinthians 6:16.. and for good reason. He does not want that we would divorce. He allows it... but he does not prefer it.

A mans relationship to his parents are superseded by a higher loyalty to his wife. And there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that a man is to leave his father and his mother... and cling to his wife. Now that does not mean that we stop honoring our mother and our father... but it does mean that a man is to cling to his wife.. he has to if he's going to be there to protect her and provide for her and to care for her.

And right when we get down to Ephesians 5:32... Paul does something very profound. He says that this mystery... of a man leaving his mother and his father to cling to his wife.. refers to the Messiah and the church. So what Paul is doing is he's helping us to understand how God is using the marriage and the family to describe his plan concerning the church.

The family is a shadow picture if you will of the mission of our Messiah. The husband represents the Messiah who is the head of the church, and has come to love the church and to give himself up for her so that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of the water with the word... so that he might present the church to himself in splendor with out spot or wrinkle that she might be holy and with out blemish... all of this is the mission of the husband, and the church represents the wife who is to submit to her husband as the church submits to her Messiah.

Once again my friends God does nothing by coincidence. Everything he does.. he does for a

reason. Everything he does is a lesson in righteousness, and in holiness. God ordained the marriage of men and women as a model of his ultimate plan of grace and mercy, and bringing his children home, and rescuing them from out of the clutches of his adversary.

And once again this is why homosexual marriage falls flat. Heterosexual Christian men and women marry to pro-create.. homosexuals recruit. Gods marriage has to do with basic biology.. mans marriage has to do with the recruitment of the seed of the little “g” god of this world. Pure and simple. Homosexual marriage can never compete with Gods ordained marriage even though our adversary would like to convince you otherwise.

I want us to take note of the attack on Christianity that we see happening in real time in our generation. And with that attack so to... oddly enough we see the attack on Marriage. Why? Because Gods ordained model of Marriage is the model of Gods plan of salvation on earth. If the Devil can abolish and get rid of Gods ordained marriage that is an example of the very mission of the Messiah... and replace it with his own wicked mission.. then in his mind he's won. Think about it.

Two men coming together... what does that represent? If a man represents the Messiah.. and a wife represents the church.. then what does a man and a man represent. When we look at a homosexual marriage what do we see? The man who is the husband no longer represents the Messiah.. he represents his adversary the Devil.. and the other man no longer represents Gods church... but the devils church. And the mission becomes the death of Gods church and ultimately the death of Satan's church as well, because in the end he knows he's doomed... and so he's won.. because he's finally destroyed mankind from the face of the earth. Homosexual marriage means no more pro-creation. Man stops being. Man can not go on with out woman. Man is finished.

And so this is why our adversary is attacking Marriage. He knows that he's dismantling the very fabric of mankind. He's stamping out the laws, commandments, precepts, and appointments of our Father and all resemblances of him. He's making a mockery not only of man by dressing him up and using the image of God as a submissive woman... he's shaking his fist in the face of God by dehumanizing the man he created.

Is it any wonder why... the Devil will never be forgiven? Is it any wonder why the fallen angels still reside in chains in gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day. To know and understand who these people are... and why they're doing what they're doing to us and our children in our schools... let us turn to Jude 1:5-21:

Jud 1:5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

Jud 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the

great day—

Jud 1:7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Jud 1:8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

Jud 1:9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

Jud 1:10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

Jud 1:11 Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.

Jud 1:12 These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted;

Jud 1:13 wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

Jud 1:14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones,

Jud 1:15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Jud 1:16 These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

Jud 1:17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jud 1:18 They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."

Jud 1:19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

Jud 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

Jud 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Jud 1:22 And have mercy on those who doubt;

Jud 1:23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Jud 1:24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

Jud 1:25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

With this being said.. I hope we have a greater understanding of the importance of the hierarchy of God and why it is that these things have been ordained. Gods ordained marriage and the human family is a shadow of his plan for humanity. It's a model of the mission of our Messiah, and his coming kingdom. It's a picture of the love of God and the abundance of life that awaits us.

Next week we'll move into the last chapter of the book of Ephesians and we'll talk more about the family, and how to put on the full armor of God and exactly what that is and why we need it. Until then.. contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.. and God willing.. we'll see you this coming Wednesday night at 7pm eastern standard time for our Bible Study Night as we move into the 10 and 11th chapters of the book of Hebrews where we'll continue to dive into the meet of Gods word.