

Ephesians 5:21-33

A. The Bride-Walk with Yielding Posture

1. To yield is God's advice.

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.”
Ephesians 5:21-24 (NIV)

2. To yield is God's order for the family.

“And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:2 (NIV)

3. To yield is Christ's pattern for the bride.

- Yield to Christ for protection.
- Yield to Christ for authority.
- Yield to Christ for companionship and comfort.

B. The Groom-Walk with Loving Posture

1. Love in the agape form.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”
Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

2. Love as your own body.

“In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of His body.” Ephesians 5:28-30 (NIV)

3. Love that leaves the father and mother.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” Ephesians 5:31 (NIV)

4. Love as if it is a spiritual wonder.

This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.” Ephesians 5:32 (NIV)

5. Godly love and yielding result in proper preparation for Christ's return.

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”
Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)

C. The Best Wedding of All-Time-RSVP!

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”
Revelation 19:6c-8 (NIV)

1. The wedding supper will be filled with worship!

2. The wedding supper will focus on the Lamb.

3. The wedding supper will be filled with those whose RSVP is prepared with a “Yes!”

- The believer says yes when they receive the Lamb of God as Savior.
- The believer says yes when they put on the garment of righteousness.

Bottom Line:

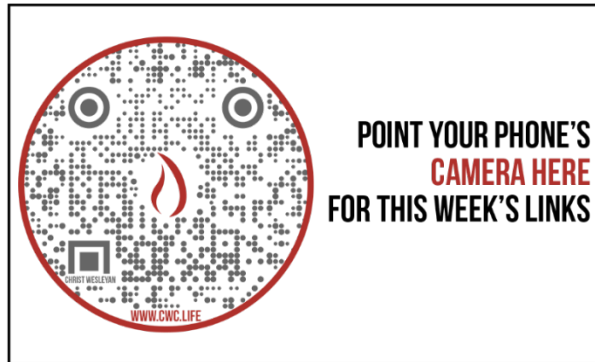
Church, prepare for your Groom as a bride prepares for her groom.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: A Stand-Alone Message

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: (Streamed from Milton)



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 163.1%

Giving year to date: 101.7%

Weekend Attendance: 1,983

Salvations to date: 5 | Baptisms to date: 0

Upcoming Happenings:

May 4 – Rend Collective @ CWC

May 5 – Local Church Conference 6p

May 19 – Annual Church Celebration! 2:30p

Notetakers are History Makers