

# **"Christian Families in a Secular World"**

***Ephesians 5:21-6:4***

## **The challenge of secularism:**

The irrelevancy of God

The glorification of self

The priority of the present

## **The challenge for the Christian:**

Making Jesus Lord

Loving sacrificially

Living eternally

## **No place like home:**

Ugly messes: Disobedience

Pretty wrapping: Hypocrisy

Beautiful holiness: Transformed

## **The authentically Christian family:**

A wife who empowers

A husband who cherishes

A child who respects

A parent who models

## **How do I need to change?**

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 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. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church- 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

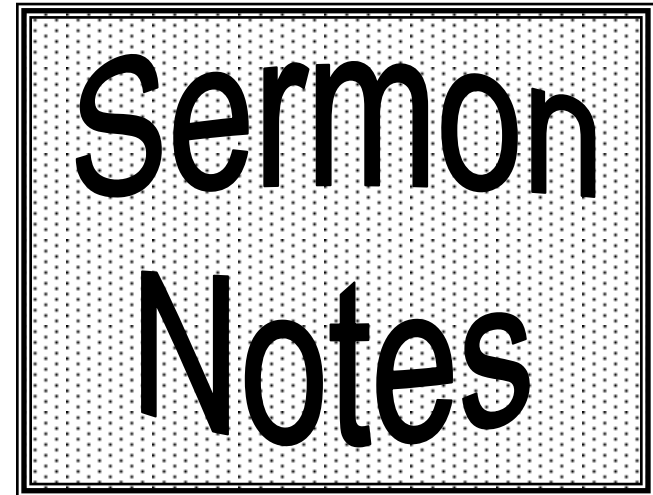
6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise- 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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