TEXT: Ephesians 5: 22-33 TITLE: Focusing on the Christ (The Reflection of Christ – Pt. 1c The Individual Reflection in our Relationships)

## INTRODUCTION

- \* FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... The Shadow of Christ, The Life of Christ, The Return of Christ, The Reign of Christ ... The Reflection of Christ
- \* What we say, and how we live, is a reflection of Who, or what, is residing and reigning in our heart!
- \* The Reflection is seen in: Our Speech (Luke 6: 43-46); Our Finances (Matthew 6:19-24) ... Our Relationships!
- \* After our relationship with God, our next priority relationship is the one that we have with our spouse. It is THE first social relationship that God instituted for man. According to scripture, it is THE primary relationship which reflects Christ's love and relationship with the church.
- \* Hence, if Christ is reigning in your heart, then His reflection will be seen in your relationships with others. If you are married, that primary relationship is your spouse.

## INSTRUCTION

- I. THE W\_\_\_\_'S REFLECTION
  - A. The M\_\_\_\_\_ Of Submission (v. 22)
    - \* cf: Romans 10:3; 13:1,5; I Peter 2:13,18; 5:5
    - \* cf. Luke 7: 2-10
  - B. The S\_\_\_\_\_ Of Submission (v. 22-23)
    - 1. COLOSSIANS 3:18
    - 2. I CORINTHIANS 11:3 (cf. John 4:34; 6:38)
    - 3. I CORINTHIANS 14:29-35 (32, 34)
    - 4. TITUS 2:1-5
    - 5. 1 PETER 3:1-6 (cf. Ephesians 5:33; I John 4: 18-19)

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Submission (v. 24)

II. THE H\_\_\_\_\_'S REFLECTION

## INTROSPECTION

- \* WIVES, HOW WELL ARE YOU REFLECTING CHRIST IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR HUSBAND?
- \* ARE YOU SEEKING TO BE SUBMISSIVE TO YOUR HUSBAND'S AUTHORITY AS A REFLECTION OF YOUR SUBMISSION TO CHRIST'S AUTHORITY, AND SPIRITUAL REIGN OF YOUR HEART?
- \* HUSBANDS, WHICH SHADE OF PHOBOS (fear) DOES YOUR WIFE NEED TO LEAN TOWARD IN HER RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU?