

Team of
Disciples
Eph. 5:22-33

Walk as
Children of Light 5:8



To be a Team of Disciples or NOT to be a Team of Disciples:

- One problem is that people don't use The Word of God and the gospel to function as the church.
- Another problem is that people like to receive God's grace without being gracious to others or the body of Christ.
- Another problem is that people are expecting sin not to affect the church in the reality that the consummation of all things has not yet happened.
- There is a misunderstanding that disciples don't need the interdependence of gathering unity & spreading love.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife, **as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.** **24** But **as the church is subject to Christ,** so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,** **26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** that He might present to Himself **the church in all her glory,** having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; **29** for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, **just as Christ also does the church, 30** because we are members of His body. **31** FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. **32** This mystery is great; but **I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.** **33** Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

- We need The Word of God to make sense out of the church.

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- King Jesus is the head coach of the team of disciples.
- King Jesus is the Savior & life-giver of this team of disciples.
- The team of disciples follow the lead & example of The King.

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- To follow Christ's lead & example is to love the church.
- The team of disciples are dependent on The King for purity.
- The team of disciples are dependent on The King for purpose.
- The team of disciples are maturing on this journey together as saints, as brothers & sisters in Christ, as learners.

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- To follow Christ's lead & example is to love the church.
- To be the church is, by grace, nourishing & cherishing one another, just as Christ also does the church.

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- The team of disciples is in process of gathering unity (oneness) & living in love with The King and one another.



The Power of
God's Love

Obedience by
God's Grace

Experience
Peace & Joy

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God is the source of...

Love Grace Peace

God is present and active in our lives.

Practical Application: “The best thing you can do for your church family is grow closer to Jesus.”

