

Wives

Eph 5 — Husbands should exercise authority with a condition — that they love them. To fulfill this commandment you must be in subjection first to Messiah, thus having the power to have self-control. If husbands are to represent Yahweh's authority they must love their own wives as Messiah loves the Body. What is love? We hear the word but what does it mean? It begins with giving ourselves over to our Master as a living sacrifice. The fruit of self control enables us to love others as ourselves. To the degree we do this we'll have life and peace, enter the kingdom and be on the narrow way. 1 Cor 13:4 — The fruit of the Spirit is love. If you lack these qualities, you are not in fellowship. *Patience* is a result of the great love we have for Messiah. It is difficult to duplicate, for it requires us to cling to our Master to wait in peace. *Kindness* from the Father can be imitated by refined flesh but that isn't kindness. *Love* hardly even notices when others do it wrong. When you are treated unfairly, when you are misjudged it isn't *provoked* to respond. If we are in fellowship with the Holy Spirit we won't keep a record of the wrongs done to us. The headship of man in relationship to woman exists in relationship between Messiah and Yahweh. We must all do our part, each being in submission to the other, in the proper order (we all submit). All this must be worked out now before the race starts.