

Ephesians 5:21-6:9

If we believe in Jesus and have become children of God, we should strive to resemble our Father. We must seek for God's kingdom to come on earth and move towards His eternal kingdom. Today's passage teaches us how to do this. It discusses how we can resemble Jesus in our families, churches, and workplaces, and how we can establish God's kingdom in these places.

I bless you in the name of the Lord that through today's message, you and I will experience the wonderful blessing of becoming like Jesus in our lives and seeing God's kingdom come. How then can we resemble Jesus in our daily lives and enjoy the blessing of God's kingdom coming?

First, we must practice Jesus' obedience in our daily lives.

The most important word in today's passage is "obedience." Let's read Ephesians 5:21, 22, 24, and 6:1, 5. What are Christians instructed to do in their families and workplaces? Obedience and submission.

Why are we told to be obedient in our families, churches, and workplaces? Is it for the sake of peace and order? Families, churches, and workplaces are the most important areas of our lives. Thus, if we are to be saved and become like Jesus, it must happen in these areas. If we are to experience God's kingdom in our lives, our families, churches, and workplaces must become God's kingdom.

To become a new person, we must shed our old selves. The most important aspect of shedding our old selves is that our ego, our fleshly self, must die. What does it mean to kill our ego? The most important thing is obedience and submission. This is not easy. We do not die just because we want to. Since it is not possible by our own strength, it can only be achieved when we are filled with the Holy Spirit. When we listen to others humbly and follow them, our ego dies, and through us, people see God. Then, God's kingdom comes to that place.

Second, we must practice agape love in our daily lives.

Today's passage emphasizes love as much as it does obedience and submission. Look at Ephesians 5:25, 28. How are we instructed to love? In Greek, there are several words for love. Eros for romantic love, philia for friendship, but here, agape, God's love, is used.

Agape love surpasses self-love. It is a sacrificial love. It gives the best to others and builds them up beautifully. With this in mind, look at verses 25-30. Giving oneself for one's wife or husband, giving the best, and even sacrificing one's life. It is making the other person holy and beautiful, benefiting them. This is the true love the Bible talks about, the love in 1 Corinthians 13, the love of Jesus.

Following these principles, Ephesians 6:4 tells us to bring up children in the training and instruction of the Lord, not provoking them to anger. Loving children with agape love, Christ's love, means not provoking them to anger but raising them well and beautifully with the Lord's teaching and discipline. In Ephesians 6:9, "Masters, treat your slaves in the same way" means to love them with agape love.

Why should we seek the good of others, give them the best, and love sacrificially? Because that is the way to become like Jesus. And only with that love will God's kingdom come to our families, churches, and workplaces.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21)

**Bible
Reading**

5/27(Mon)	5/28(Tue)	5/29(Wed)	5/30(Thur)	5/31(Fri)	6/1(Sat)	6/2(Sun)
1 Chronicles 15-18	1 Chronicles 19-21	1 Chronicles 22-24	1 Chronicles 25-28	1 Chronicles 29-30	1 Chronicles 31-32	1 Chronicles 33-35

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Quiet Time Passage

5/27(Mon)	5/28(Tue)	5/29(Wed)	5/30(Thur)	5/31(Fri)	6/1(Sat)	6/2(Sun)
1 Kings 21:17-29	1 Kings 22:1-12	1 Kings 22:13-28	1 Kings 22:29-40	1 Kings 22:41-53	1 Peter 1:1-9	1 Peter 1:10-21

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share any new insights or grace you received through today's message.

2. Reflect on your behavior in your family, church, and workplace, and discuss how you can practice obedience and agape love.