

MARRIAGE FORMULAS

The comparative adverbs *hos* 'as' (verses 22, 23, 24, 28, 33) and *kathos* 'just as' (verses 25, 29) occur seven times in Ephesians 5:22–33. They introduce four comparisons or marriage formulas:

- 1) HUSBAND : WIFE :: CHRIST : CHURCH
- 2) HUSBAND : WIFE :: HUSBAND : HIS OWN BODY
- 3) HUSBAND : HIS OWN BODY :: CHRIST : CHURCH
- 4) WIFE : HUSBAND :: WIFE : LORD

HUSBANDS

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, **as** Christ also is the head of the church.

HUSBAND : WIFE :: CHRIST : CHURCH

25 Husbands, love your wives **just as** Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

HUSBAND : WIFE :: CHRIST : CHURCH

28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives **as** their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.

HUSBAND : WIFE :: HUSBAND : HIS OWN BODY

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, **just as** Christ also (nourishes and cherishes) the church.

HUSBAND : HIS OWN BODY :: CHRIST : CHURCH

33 Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife **even as** himself.

HUSBAND : WIFE :: HUSBAND : HIS OWN BODY

WIVES

22 Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, **as** to the Lord.
WIFE : HUSBAND :: WIFE : LORD

24 But **as** the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

WIFE : HUSBAND :: CHURCH : CHRIST

