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**SERMON OUTLINE**

**Sunday September 4th, 2016**

**PASTOR DAVID COOKE: What Unity Looks Like: In Marriage  
Ephesians 5:-21-33**



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# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

## ICEBREAKER

Describe a recent occurrence that made you feel loved. (If you are married, describe something your spouse did).

## THIS WEEK: Ephesians 5:21-33

Throughout his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul places a great deal of weight on the need for unity and peace within the body of Christ. This week we are exploring what unity looks like within the context of marriage. We will read this week's passage in light of the principles discussed in Ephesians 1:7-10.

1. How does our culture describe unity in marriage?
2. What does God want unity to look like?
3. According to both Ephesians 1:7-10 and 5:21-33, what is Paul trying to say about unity in marriage?
4. What is it about the word "submission" that causes so many problems?
5. List 5 negative ideas that the word "submission" brings up. Then list 5 positive ideas.
6. What is the difference between when submission is bad versus when it is good?
7. After listening to Pastor David's sermon this week (available at [www.coldspringschurch.net](http://www.coldspringschurch.net)), discuss who has the harder job, the husband or the wife?
8. What is the best way for you to respond to your spouse, especially when there are points of contention in the relationship? What helps build dialogue towards sustaining or creating unity?
- 8a. If you are "spiritually single," God empowers you to live out your role fully in his Spirit (see 1 Pet. 3:1-2, 7-8, 13-17 and 1 Cor. 7:12-16). How can you practice these principles regardless of how your spouse lives?
9. What are good ways to teach your children to treat the opposite sex?
10. What is your next step towards *mutual submission* in your primary relationships?

