

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

MAY 21, 2017

1. Read Ephesians 5:17-27
2. What do the commands *to submit* (which is given to wives), and *to love* (which is given to husbands) have in common? What is the essence to both of them?
3. What does Augustine's statement that we are *incurvatus in se* mean? How does this impact marriage?
4. What is the tie-in between being filled with the Holy Spirit (v.17) and solving the problem of our self-centeredness?
5. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? How does it differ from being indwelt by the Spirit or baptized in/by the Spirit?
6. We are commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit (it is an imperative in Greek), and yet the command is given to us in the passive voice, which means it's not something we do (i.e. we don't fill ourselves with the Holy Spirit), but it's something that is done to us. In light of that, how are we filled with the Holy Spirit?
7. Why are the Means of Grace so central in the Spirit's work of enlivening and energizing us so that we don't care about ourselves, but we just care about honoring the Lord no matter the cost?
8. In light of how you answered question number 7, how does this relate to marriage and the problem of self-centeredness?
9. What application can you make from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!