

The Wrinkled Church

Ephesians 5:25-27

A. Paul presents the picture of a Wedding between Christ and the Church

Outwardly: s _____

Inwardly: p _____

- Present to Himself (Eph 5:27)
Col 1:22-23; Rev 19:7-8; 21:2,9

Lord's Perfect
Message for
the church

B. The local congregation is _____

1. Disagreements _____

Disagreements Can:

Challenge our _____

Question our _____

Strain our _____

Hinder our _____ and hurt our _____

The N.T. Picture
of an Imperfect
Church

2. How does a congregation handle disagreements?

C. Disagreements fall into two categories:

1. D _____ Wrinkles (Acts 15:1-6)

No _____ took place

No _____ were there

The _____ spoke

- Doctrinal issues are solved by the _____ of the Bible

2. R _____ Wrinkles (Romans 14)

Two brethren did not see _____ to _____

- they could _____ each other; they could _____; do what Rom 14 says

A _____ each other (1; 15:1) because neither position was _____ (14)

Don't _____ the faith of others (15, 20, 21)

Don't just _____ yourself (15:1)

Pursue _____ (19)

- Relational issues are solved by hearts that _____ each other; a desire to
_____ unity and seeing the _____

Final Thoughts:

1. We must stop expecting _____ in others but at the same time we must not _____ wrong
2. We must allow each person to _____ their own salvation understanding that different conclusions do not mean that one of us is _____
3. We must _____ other less and _____ on ourselves more