



A FAITHFUL HUSBAND #1

Ephesians 5:22-33

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²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Eph 5:25 NIV

²² For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. ²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹ No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. ³⁰ And we are members of his body. ³¹ As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. ³³ So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **Ephesians 5:22-33**

"Christian marriage is an earthly picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride, the church. The world should look at a Christian marriage and see a distinctive difference in the way that husbands and wives relate to one another. Satan attacks Christian marriages because the testimony of Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross is at stake. When Christian marriages break up, it sends a false message to the world, that Christ does not love His bride with enduring love. So this text is not here just to tell you how to have a happy marriage, although it will help you do that. It is here for a much greater purpose: to help us glorify our Savior through marriages that reflect Christ's sacrificial love for His church." Steven J. Cole

**THE COMMAND IS TO LOVE
NOT TO COMMAND AUTHORITY**

²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, **just as** Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her. **Eph. 5:25**

WE FIRST LOVE AND THEN SHE SUBMITS

²² For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **Eph. 5:22**

SUBMISSION IS A RESPONSE TO BEING LEAD

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. **Heb. 13:17**

THE COMMAND IS TO ACT

²⁵ ...love your wives, **just as Christ loved** the church - He gave up his life for her

WHERE HE COMMANDS AND HE EQUIPS

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **Gal. 5:22-23**

LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL AND NOT SELFISH

⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. **Rom. 5:8**

³⁹ He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." **Matt. 26:39**

LOVE IS:

SELF SACRIFICING – "gave Himself us for her"

CARING – "love their wives as they love their own bodies."

COMMITMENT – A covenant

IS PROVEN

LOVE IS FOR A PURPOSE

²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. **Eph. 5:26-27**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What do you think of when you see this area of scripture?

What are ways you can be

What area of your life can be more sacrificial?

How would you describe your purpose as a husband?

Have you experienced your marriage "reflect Christ's sacrificial love" and bring "glorify our Savior?"