



Ephesians – The Gospel Unites
Modeling the Gospel in Marriage -
Husbands

Ephesians 5:25-33

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1. The Way Christ Loves His Bride (5:25-27)

a. Sacrifices for Her (5:25)

b. He Cares for Her (5:26)

c. He Beautifies Her (5:27)

2. The Way A Husband Loves His Bride (5:28-31)

a. He Loves Her as He Already Loves Himself (5:28, 30)

b. He Nourishes and Cherishes Her (5:29)

3. The Display of God's Glory (5:32-33)

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Christian marriage points to something greater, Christ's marriage to the Church. How does this passage help you understand Christ's love for you?
2. How have failings in human marriage (whether your marriage or another influential marriage in your life such as parents) made it difficult for you to believe in Christ's love for you or for you to submit to his headship?
3. When the Lord calls us to obedience, looking at this passage, how do we know we can trust him?
4. We learned that the word to cherish (in v.29) means to soften by warming. How has Christ's love for you softened and warmed your affections for him?
5. Give thanks to God for his gospel that has come to us to make us his precious Bride.

Questions for Reflection and Application

Questions for Singles:

1. If you are unmarried and plan on marrying, how does looking to Christ in this passage prepare you for this? How can God's love for you now start growing you into this kind of future husband or wife?
2. If marriage is not in your future, how does this passage knit you closer to Christ, your Bridegroom? How have you seen having Christ as your Bridegroom as greater than a marriage that points to this greater reality?
3. Take some time to thank God for his marriage-strong love being poured into your heart by his Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5).

Questions for Couples:

1. Husbands, ask your wife how you can show Christ-like love for your wife. Wives, be respectful in your answer.
2. Wives, ask your husband how you can show God-glorifying respect for your husband. Husbands, be loving in your answer.
3. Where you have failed to do the above, articulate your sorrow over this to your spouse. Remind yourselves of the promise you made together and reaffirm your commitment.
4. Take some time to pray together for God's blessing over each other and to thank the Lord for each other.