



The Gospel Ministry of a Husband, Part 1

23rd in the “Ephesians” Series

Ephesians 5:25-33

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Introduction

In this passage, we learn biblical principles of the ministry of a husband in God’s design for marriage.

- 1) A Christian man commits to love his wife sacrificially just as Christ loved the church (vv. 25-30).
 - (a) Husbands, note carefully that there is no mention of power or privilege, only the Lord’s command to love your wife.
 - (b) The command given to the husband is to love his wife, with Christ’s love for the church as the model.
 - (c) A husband’s duty is to love his wife sacrificially, which is explained as giving himself up for her.
 - (d) A husband’s ministry to his wife is holistic in its intentionality, nurture, and care.
- 2) The reason a husband loves his wife is because God assigned him to reflect Christ’s “head” in his marital role, the “representative head” of the family (v. 31).
- 3) God designed marriage according to the template of Christ and the church, a glorious reflection of the gospel (vv. 32-33).

Response

Lord, may our married brothers reflect the love of Christ in their marriages.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) If the duty of a Christian wife is embarrassing or offensive in our culture today, how well does the duty of a Christian husband to love his wife fit into today's culture?
- 2) What is your response to this text? How have you seen Christian couples honor this command in their marriages? If you are married, what has obeying this command looked like in your marriage?
- 3) Love is such a feeling word in our culture today. How is the command to the husband to love his wife a word of action? What specific ways might this command be practiced?
- 4) How does the model of Christ's love for the church explain the nature of a husband's duty to love and care for his wife? What would a marriage be like if a husband truly strived for such love?
- 5) Why does the apostle Paul compare so strongly the relationship between Christ and the church and a husband and a wife? What is the significance of that analogy?
- 6) What does it mean for the husband to be the "representative" head of his wife and family? What kind of a "leadership" role is this, exactly?
- 7) What are some clear and specific ways a husband can obey this command and live it out in his marriage? And what role might a wife play to assist her husband in his assigned role?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: 1 Peter 3:7 (Mon); Colossians 3:19 (Tues); 1 Corinthians 11:3 (Wed); Ecclesiastes 9:9 (Thurs); and 1 Corinthians 7:33 (Fri).