

“Christ-like Love”
Ephesians 5:25-33
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Genesis 1:27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Phil. 2:3-4: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

1. _____ love: Vs. 25

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

1 Cor. 13:4-8a: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

2. _____ love: Vs. 26-27

Vs. 26-27: that he might **sanctify her**, having cleansed her by the washing of water **with the word**, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might **be holy** and without blemish.

3. _____ love: Vs. 28-32

Vs. 28-31: In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. **He who loves his wife loves himself.** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

Genesis 2:18-23: Then the Lord God said, “**It is not good that the man should be alone**; I will make him a **helper fit for him.**” Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was **not found a helper fit for him.** So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This **at last** is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Genesis 2:24: Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Matthew 19:4-6: He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two **but one flesh.** What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Vs. 32: This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Vs. 33: However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.