



The Mystery of Marriage  
**HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES**  
Ephesians 5:24-33

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## I. The Balance of Love and Dependence – 5:24-25

*“But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything . . . Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,”*

### A. Wives SUBMIT to your husbands

- Out of love for Christ
  
- Just like the Church does to Christ
  
- Without compartmentalizing

## B. Husbands LOVE your wives

- Out of love for Christ
- Just like Christ does to the Church
- Without reservation

## II. Sacrificial Love – 5:25

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,”*

### A. Without Acclaim

### B. Without Condition

### III. Purifying Love – 5:26-27

*“so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.”*

#### A. The Purpose of Your Love

#### B. The Pursuit of Your Purpose

### IV. Caring Love – 5:28-30

*“So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body.”*

Love that affirms the truth of “oneness” in marriage seeks to affectionately . .

#### A. Provide for his wife’s needs

#### B. Provide for his wife’s heart

## V. Unbreakable Love – 5:31

*“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”*

### A. Love that Leaves

### B. Love that Cleaves

## VI. Privileged Love – 5:32-33

*“This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.”*

### A. The privilege of ILLUSTRATION

### B. The privilege of INTENTION