

Ephesians 5:25-33  
"The Christ-like Husband"\*

**Introduction:** *The Central Figure in Scripture*

- **The repeated testimony of Jesus Himself:** The Scriptures testify about Him.
- **The whole sacrificial system of the Old Testament:** pointing forwards to Jesus' once-for-all perfect sacrifice for sins.
- **Numerous details about the life, ministry, death, and resurrection Jesus Christ:** Can be reconstructed from the Old Testament Scriptures.
- **A profound mystery:** What we find in the institution of marriage in the second chapter of Genesis is ultimately about Christ and the church.

**Christian wives must embrace** their \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

- **What we might expect to find in verse 25:** "Husbands, exercise your authority in a Christ-like manner."
- **The Greek word translated as 'love':** Derived from the glorious word 'agape.'
- **The Apostle Paul in his writings:** Takes issue after issue back to the cross of Christ.

- **A prerequisite to understanding how to love your wife:** An understanding of Christ's love for His church.
- **The word 'church' in verse 25:** A reference to the universal and invisible church.
- **The Reformed, Christian husband:** Must take the five points of Calvinism and 'turn them on their side.'
- **A crucial question for the husband to consider:** Does my love for my wife have a mighty, sanctifying influence upon her?
- **Verse 26:** Sets forth the one-time event of definitive sanctification.
- **Verse 27:** Sets forth the ultimate goal of progressive sanctification.
- **A natural love of self:** Found in the second greatest commandment and in Paul's use of 'husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.'
- **The formation of the first bride:** A preview of the formation of Christ's bride, which is His church.
- **Personal Application:**

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