

Sermon Title: Marriage

Sermon Series: Ephesians: What We Do

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33

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Matthew 19:4 ESV

He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,

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Marriage: What it means to walk in the love of Christ

Ephesians 5:21–33 ESV

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 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. 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.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 ESV

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Ephesians 5:22 ESV

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Ephesians 5:21 ESV

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Submit - to have a heart that conveys honor, respect, and a willingness to follow.

Ephesians 5:25 ESV

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

1 John 4:10 ESV

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Love is about laying down oneself for the good of another.

Ephesians 5:31–32 ESV

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Ephesians 5:32 ESV

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Marriage is a reflection of Christ’s relationship with the Church

Marriage is designed to glorify God.

Colossians 3:17 ESV

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

How do we glorify God in our marriages & in our view of marriage?

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God designed marriage to reflect His glory.

1. Remember the Gospel - Jesus chose to love you. Now you're free of fear, shame, & condemnation.
2. Be Humbly Honest - Because you know how much you're loved, and you don't have fear, shame, or condemnation in Christ—you can be humbly honest about your sin toward your spouse.
3. Grace & Honor - Because you know how much you're loved—even while you're still a sinner—you can extend grace & honor to your spouse. You can do this because God has extended grace & honor to you.
4. Forgive & Live Forgiven - Because God loves & forgives you...you must repent of your sin. You must love & forgive your spouse.
5. Trust & Reconciliation – Once you allow Jesus Christ—the Gospel—to be the foundation of your marriage, you can be humbly honest, show grace & honor, repent & forgive, and then...trust can start to be rebuilt. Reconciliation can happen.

Because Jesus is the Gospel, glorify God in your marriage & your view of marriage.