

Main Service



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Marriage and the Gospel - Part 3

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Category 1: The Gospel Transforms You

Category 2: The Gospel Transforms Marriage

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²²Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. ²⁴But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and

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gave Himself up for her, ²⁶so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷that 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. ²⁸So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who

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loves his own wife loves himself; ²⁹for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, ³⁰because we are members of His body. ³¹FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. ³²This mystery is great;

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Aspect 1: A Sacrificial Love (25)

Aspect 2: A Sanctifying Love (26-27)

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1 Peter 3:7

⁷You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

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1 Thessalonians 2:7

⁷But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.

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How does Christ nourish and cherish His body?

- Daily provision (food, clothing, shelter)- Matt. 6
- Giving us all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17-21)
- He loves us (John 13:34-35)
- He is preparing a future place for us to be together (John 14)
- He prays for us (Hebrews 7:25)
- He sympathizes with our weaknesses (Hebrews 4:15)
- He comes to our aid in temptation (Hebrews 2:18)
- He gives us peace (Philippians 4:6-7)
- He invites us to share our burdens with Him (1 Peter 5:6-7)

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How does Christ nourish and cherish His body?

- He cares for us (1 Peter 5:6-7)
- He protects us (John 10:27-29)
- He is our friend (John 15:14)
- He treats us as His own flesh and blood (Ephesians 5:29-30, Colossians 1:18)
- He loved us at great personal cost (Ephesians 5:25)
- He gives us wisdom (James 1:5)
- He always stands ready to forgive us (1 John 1:9)
- He strengthens us by His grace (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Jonathan Edwards

“Whatever there is, or can be, that is desirable to be in a friend, is in Christ, and that to the highest degree that can be desired.”

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Three Descriptions:

1. Leave Your Parents
2. Cleave To Your Spouse
3. One Flesh

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

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Conclusion

1. Evaluate Your Love

Assignment: this week sit down with your wife and ask her this question: "how could I better nourish and cherish you on a daily basis?"

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Conclusion

- 1. Evaluate Your Love**
- 2. Evaluate The Illustration of Your Marriage**

Assignment: sit down as a couple this week and have an honest conversation about both the strengths and the weaknesses of the illustration your marriage is demonstrating.

Consider: "When Sinners Say I Do"