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The Love of God 2

Husbands Love your Wives

(Ephesians 5:25) Husbands, love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

Marriage is a reflection of Christ and the Church:

- Men and Women have equal status under God.

(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.

(Ephesians 5:21) Submitting to one another in the fear of God.

- The marriage relationship is a unique union.

- 1) It is a covenant.

(Genesis 2:24) Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (also Mark 10:7-8)

For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall **stick like glue** (Heb = **dabaq**; Lxx = **proskollao**) to his wife (forcibly intimating that nothing but death should be allowed to separate them) and they shall (become one flesh as they) enter into a **covenant relationship**.

- 2) It is put together by God.

(Mark 10:9) Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

3) It is based on a life-long promise.

(Malachi 2:16) "For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce."

4) It involves two imperfect people of the opposite sex.

***Because God is the author of marriage,
it is prideful, foolish and impossible
for man to try to re-define marriage.***

5) It is officially recognized by witnesses.

(Genesis 31:44-54)

- The greatest need of a husband is to be respected by his wife.
- The greatest need of a wife is for security.

(Ephesians 5:33) Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

For a wife, love = security.

- 1) **Spiritual** – she wants a man who loves God.
- 2) **Emotional** – she wants to know that her feelings are safe.
- 3) **Physical** – she wants to be assured that she and her children will be provided for.

All three are equally important!

Notes:
