

Ephesians 5:25-33 Part II

The Mystery of Marriage

1. Husbands Love Your Wives as Your Own Bodies: (28-30)

- a. He who loves his wife loves himself. *–Lev 19:18; Prov 30:10-31; Eph 5:25*
- b. For no one ever hated his own flesh:
 - i. But nourishes it: to _____ for and _____. *–Eph 6:4*
 - ii. And cherishes it: to keep _____ and _____. *–1 Thes 2:7*
- c. Just as Christ does the church:
 - i. Christ _____ and _____ His Church. *–Eph 4:12-16*
 - ii. Because we are members of His body. *–Eph 1:22-23; 3:6; 4:4*

2. Understand the Mystery of Marriage: (31-32)

- a. The divine institution of marriage in Genesis 2:23-24:
 - i. _____: the dissolution of one family. *–Lk 20:34*
 - ii. _____: the formation of a new family. *–2 Sam 5:1*
 - iii. _____: the creation of a unified identity. *–Mk 10:9; 1 Pet 3:7*
- b. The divine _____ of marriage:
 - i. First and foremost to _____ Christ and the Church. *–Gen 2:18*
 - ii. That we might better _____ the love of God in Christ.
–Ezek 16:1-58; Hos 2:16-23

3. Summary Commands for Husband and Wife: (33)

- a. Let each one of you love his wife as himself:
 - i. Your wife is your closest _____. *–Lev 19:18*
 - ii. How you love your wife is how you _____ the second greatest commandment. *–Matt 19:19; Mk 12:31; Lk 10:27; Rom 13:9*
- b. And let the wife see that she respects her husband. *–Eph 5:22-24*

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Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.