

A photograph of a group of people dining at a restaurant. The scene is dimly lit, with warm, ambient lighting. In the foreground, a hand is visible holding a fork over a plate of food. A glass of white wine is on the table. In the background, several people are seated at a table, engaged in conversation. The overall atmosphere is intimate and social.

Glorify the Creator

Eph. 5:22-33

*“The Role of Marriage in
Glorifying the Creator”*



Eph. 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.



Review

This year our theme is...

Glorify the Creator

In order to glorify our Creator, we must first know what “glorify” means:

glorify

To praise the glory of (God), especially as an act of worship.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/glorify?s=t>

“The Role of Marriage in Glorifying the Creator”

- Marriage, Scripturally defined, is the union of one man and one woman, for God’s glory.

I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

- A. Marriage was Designed for Companionship
- B. Marriage was Designed with Complementarity
- C. Marriage was Designed for Conclusiveness
- God’s order of relationship = God first; mate second; children third, ministry and career must always follow after.

Rightly understood, therefore, a marriage entered into before God involves three persons:

1. A husband
2. A wife
3. God.

D. Marriage was Designed for Comprehension

1. Comprehension of Leadership, Eph. 5:22-24

- Submission is a Scriptural standard for all believers.

Eph. 5:21 **Submitting yourselves one to another** in the fear of God.

1 Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, **submit yourselves** unto the elder. **Yea, all of you be subject one to another**, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Original Word: ὑποτάσσω

Transliteration: hypotassó

Definition: I place under, subject to; mid, pass: I submit, put myself into subjection.

hypotássō (from *hypó*, "under" and *tássō*, "arrange") – **properly, "under God's arrangement," i.e. submitting to the Lord (His plan).**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5293.htm>

• The key to submission, from human to human, is “**as unto the Lord.**”
Eph. 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another **in the fear of God.**
22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord.**

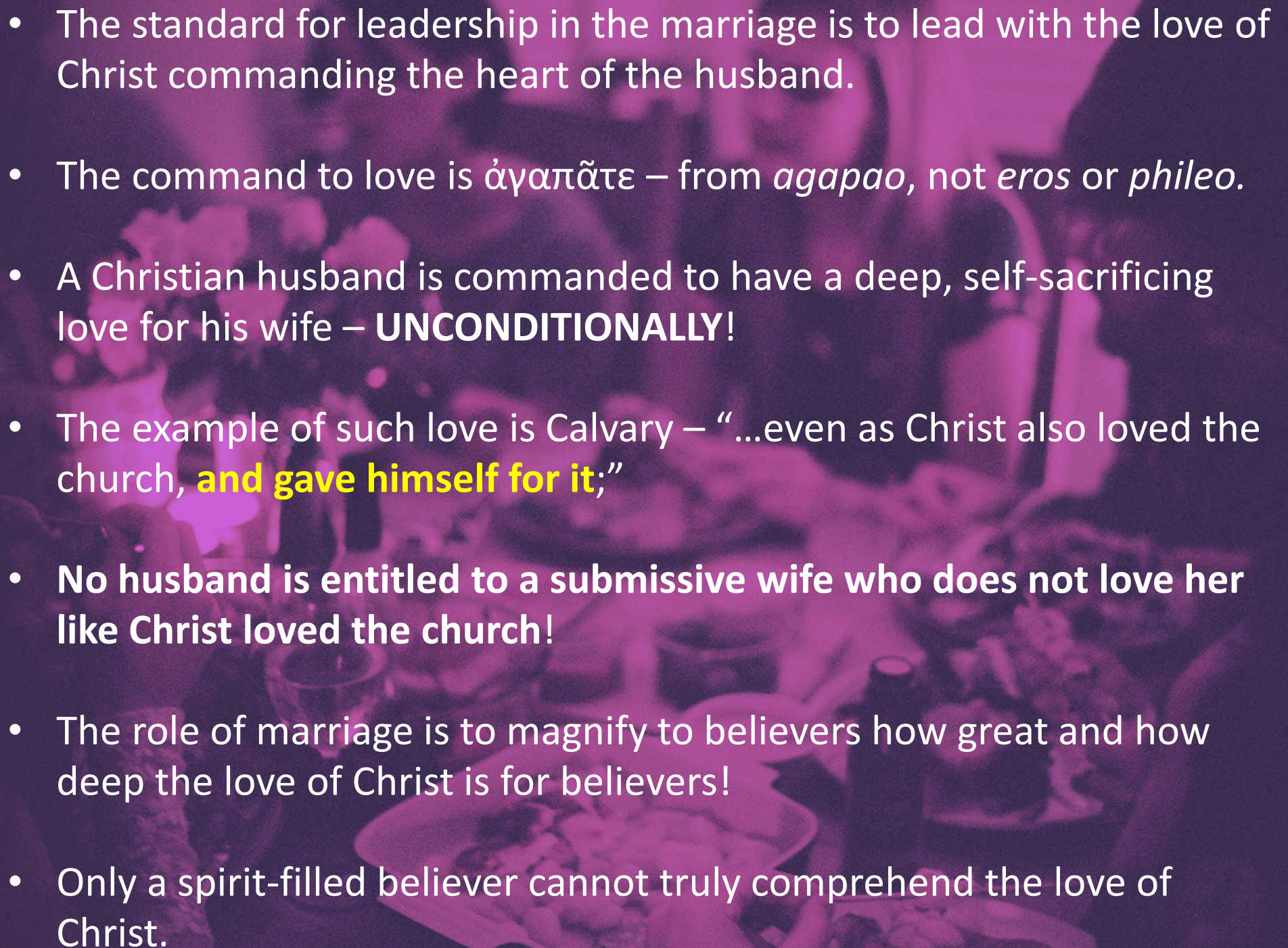
• Leadership, properly understood according to the Scriptures is balanced by love, and not fear.

2 Tim. 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 Jn. 4:18 **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.** He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

2. Comprehension of Love

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

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- The standard for leadership in the marriage is to lead with the love of Christ commanding the heart of the husband.
 - The command to love is ἀγαπᾶτε – from *agapao*, not *eros* or *phileo*.
 - A Christian husband is commanded to have a deep, self-sacrificing love for his wife – **UNCONDITIONALLY!**
 - The example of such love is Calvary – “...even as Christ also loved the church, **and gave himself for it;**”
 - **No husband is entitled to a submissive wife who does not love her like Christ loved the church!**
 - The role of marriage is to magnify to believers how great and how deep the love of Christ is for believers!
 - Only a spirit-filled believer cannot truly comprehend the love of Christ.

Gal. 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

- God-like love overcomes all challenges in the marriage.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- Scriptural marriage displays the love of Christ.

Eph. 5:32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

Eph. 5:2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us**, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

3. Comprehension of Loyalty

Eph. 5:26 **That he might** sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 **That he might** present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 **So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.** He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:**

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- Marriage is God's plan to help mankind comprehend His love.
 - a. God has a plan for present development of faith, Eph. 5:26

Eph. 5:26 **That he might** sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

- The focus for comprehending truth is via the Word of God.

Rom. 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing**, and hearing **by the word of God.**

- God's method for our comprehension of His will and His Word is via preaching.

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and **in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.**



1 Cor. 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

b. God has a plan for presentation due in the future.

Eph. 5:27 **That he might** present it **to himself a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

- In the intimacy of marriage, a husband and wife help each other to grow in maturity.
- A husband and wife help each other's commitment to fidelity.

1 Cor. 7:2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 **The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.**

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, **that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.**

- A genuine commitment to utilizing your gifts in church will assist in fulfilling the purpose for our creation, consequently, pleasing the Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

E. Comprehension of Learning

Eph. 5:28 **So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.** He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

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- Learning about leadership, love, loyalty, and the Lordship of Christ.
- Learning truth about us.

1 Cor. 15:10 But **by the grace of God I am what I am:** and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: **yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

- Learning about commitment.
 - Commitment to mate. **“So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies...”**
 - Commitment to Christ.

1 Cor. 16:22 **If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ**, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Eph. 6:24 Grace *be* with all them **that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity**. Amen.

- Commitment to church. “...even as Christ also loved the church, **and gave himself for it;**” “

“For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church**”:

A photograph of a group of people dining at a restaurant, overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The scene shows several tables with white tablecloths, plates of food, and glasses. The people are engaged in conversation and eating. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

The world, the flesh, and the devil will provide many “mistresses” to entice church members away from commitment to their church.

Para-church agencies apart from one’s church should NEVER supersede loyalty and commitment to their home church.

Relationship factors needed for a strong marriage should be implemented between church members and the Lord Jesus Christ in order to secure a wondrous future for the glory of God!

Mountain Springs should exhibit a wonderful relationship right now with the Lord Jesus Christ!

Conclusion

Eph. 5:32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

- Marriage exemplifies the relationship between Christ and the church.
- During the present, we are to recognize roles of leadership, the efficacy of love, the importance of loyalty and commitment to solidify strength for the future and consequently, its rewards.

2 Tim. 1:13 **Hold fast** the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, **in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**