

SERMON NOTES

Date: November 1, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: Marriage in Christ for Husbands

Text: Ephesians 5:25-33

Big Idea: God desires husbands to display the fullness of the Spirit in the way they love their wives like Christ loves the church.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

How does the world distort a husband's role in marriage?

How is God's love described in the following passages and how can it relate to the way a husband should love his wife?

- Psalm 25:6-7
- Psalm 103:10
- Ezekiel 16:8-14
- John 10:11
- Romans 8:28, 35, 38-39
- 1 John 4:9-11

In your own words, formulate a working definition of what it means for a husband to love his wife.

APPLY THE TRUTH (if you're married, talk about your answers with your spouse.)

What heart attitudes can hinder a husband's love for his wife (e.g., pride, fear, bitterness, preoccupation with other things, etc.). Explain your answer.

How should a husband respond when God brings these hindrances to light in heart? (cf. 1 John 1:8-10; Ephesians 4:22-24)? Be specific.

How can a husband express love for his wife in practical ways? If you're married, be specific about how you can practically love your wife.

How can a wife make it easy for her husband to lead and love her biblically?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

The church needs spirit-filled men who are confident in God's design for marriage and surrendered to Christ in everything. Pray for God's grace to be shown to men in struggling marriages as they try to show love for their wives.