

Transforming Grace in Marriage Roles ~ Husbands

Ephesians 5:22-33

I. INTRODUCTION: THE MYSTERY OF MARRIAGE IS REVEALED IN THE GOSPEL (v. 32)

II. HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES IN A CHRIST-LIKE WAY - GIVE HER TULIPS (v. 25-30)

A. Totally commit yourself to loving her (v. 25a)

1. The world has cheapened the meaning of "love" 2 Samuel 13:4, 14-15
2. Jesus loved you when you were unworthy of His love
Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:8, 10; 1 John 4:10; John 3:16
3. Christ-like love is a commitment to the good of the other person—
whether or not you think that they deserve it Romans 2:4
4. Strive to reflect Jesus' love for you 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
5. Just as God, for Jesus' sake, looks upon you as if you are perfect, treat her, for Jesus' sake,
as if she is perfect wife Philippians 3:9
6. God has made you to initiate in love so that she can respond (v. 22) 1 John 4:19
7. Love her from the heart Hebrews 12:2

B. Unconditionally sacrifice your own interests to meet her needs (v. 25b)

1. Jesus' costly love is demonstrated on the cross (v. 25) Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 1:19
2. Sacrifice your rights and interests for her good Philippians 2:3-8
3. Authority is given by God to serve John 13:3ff; Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:45
4. Do more than your share
5. Such love may be used by God to help her to respond with much greater love
and respect towards you

C. Limit your love to her alone (v. 25)

1. Jesus has a special love for His bride, the church (v. 25a) John 10:11
2. A husband must remain faithful to his wife - body, affection, and attention

D. Irresistibly draw her with a love which purifies (v. 26-27)

1. Jesus powerfully drew you to Himself Ephesians 2:4-8; John 6:44, 37
2. Jesus is committed to making you holy
Ephesians 1:4; Romans 8:29; Philippians 1:6; Titus 2:14
3. This is how you are called to change your wife
4. Are you actively pursuing her spiritual growth?
5. Do you have the courage to make biblical decisions which go against her preferences?

Genesis 3:6; 16:2; Proverbs 29:25

E. Persevere in providing for her every need

Ephesians 5:28-30

1. The church is Jesus' beloved body Ephesians 5:23; 3:6; 4:12
2. Love your wife as you love your own body Genesis 2:23
3. Jesus generously provides for His bride, the church Ephesians 1:7, 9; 2:5-6; 3:6, 12; 4:11
4. Nourish your wife - generously provide for her needs
Genesis 3:17ff; 1 Timothy 5:8; Exodus 21:10; Titus 2:3ff; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
5. Cherish her - understanding, patience, gentleness, respect, affection, appreciation
1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19; Proverbs 31:11, 26, 28b-29
6. If you mistreat her, your relationship with God will be affected 1 Peter 3:7b

F. Steadfastly endure when marriage is difficult

1. What if your wife is hard to love? 1 John 4:19; Romans 2:4
2. What if you don't have loving feelings towards your wife? Ephesians 5:1-2, 25; 3:14-21
3. What if your wife won't follow your leadership?

III. CONCLUSION
