

**THE HUSBAND'S ROLE
(Ephesians 5:25-33)**

H. A Walk In Harmony (5:22-6:9)

1. The role & response of the wife is to _____ to & _____ her husband to _____ the Lord! (5:22-24, 33b)
2. The role & command to the husband is _____ as well
 - a. He is to _____ his wife! (5:25a)

“love” agapao =

- b. He is to _____ all else & _____ to her in order to become _____ with her in this life long marriage relationship (5:31)
- Let's see _____ of love that a husband should have for his wife:
 - 1) His love toward his wife is to be _____ & _____ (5:25a) ... “*husbands, love your wife...*”
 - a) There are things in the marriage relationship that are _____ to each the other! If the wife is to _____ & _____ her husband, then the husband is to unconditionally _____ his wife!
 - b) Christ's attitude in coming should help men, as the _____ of their home, to be mindful that biblical authority emphasizes _____ and _____, not _____!
 - c) Agape love requires an attitude of unconditional acceptance of another imperfect person (your wife), not based on her _____, or your _____, but on the fact that she is God's _____!
 - d) The “submit-love” relationship of marriage is to be _____ to each other for the sake of _____ & _____ in the home & family.
 - 2) His love toward his wife should be _____... (5:25b) ... “*even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her*”
 - a) Loving your wife sacrificially means _____ something you want to do, so that you could do something she _____!

b) The _____ teaching of Christ's sacrificial love for His church is _____ to how a man is to _____ his wife!

c) Psychology uses _____ theories & _____ techniques that are after the traditions of _____ and are not after _____!

- Only God has the answers we need in His _____:

3) The husband's love is to be _____ (5:26-27) ... like Christ's love for His church ... "that" (hina clause = in order that)

a) "*That (in order that) he might _____ and _____ her with the washing of the water by the word!*" (5:26)

b) "*That (in order that) he might present her to Himself a _____ church (5:27a) ... not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing...*"

c) "*But that (in order that) she should be _____ and without _____*"

4) His love for his wife is to be _____ (5:28-30) ... "*So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies...*"

- Christ loves the church because it is His body... so Men are to love their wives because they have become _____ in the marriage relationship

5) His love should be _____ for his wife (5:31) ... "*he shall be joined to his wife, and they shall be one flesh*"

a) The leaving & cleaving meant that marriage was now to be the _____ relationship between them.

b) This tells us that God believes in the _____ of marriage! It is till _____ do you part, not till _____ do you part!