

## How to be a Godly Husband Eph. 5:25-33

### *Mandate for husbands:*

- Two most obvious differences in Paul's instructions here:
  1. Length (116 vs. 41 words)
  2. Focus on submitting / respecting vs. love
- Love (*agape*) = 6x here, 3x as a command and 3x modeled.

### *Model for a husband's love:*

- How is this love to be expressed?  
*. . . just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, 5:2*

*. . . as a husband loves own body.*

Add to this how husbands are told to love in Col. 3:19, I Pt. 3:7.

- Why love one's wife as one's own body and as Christ loved us?  
*. . . because we are members of Christ's body (1:22,23, 5:23),  
and He takes care of the His body (the church).  
. . . for husbands and wives are really one flesh in God's sight,  
Gen. 2:24, cf. Matt. 19:5,6, I Cor. 7:4.*
- The oneness achieved through marriage is a mystery also akin to Christ's union with the church (v.32).

