

Husbands, LOVE your wives

*The passionate purifying love of a believing husband for his own precious bride:
Ephesians 5:25-27*

Review: The _____ Authority 23-24

1st Husbands must _____ your bride

2nd Men must set _____

I Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

3rd Men must _____ and restore first

**#1 God commands you husbands
to continually _____ your bride 25a**

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:5b the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**#2 God expects you husbands
to love your wife _____ 25b**

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

**1st You husbands love your bride
like _____ loves His bride**

**2nd You husbands will _____ for your bride
like Christ did for His bride**

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Dying To Self

One: You are not born again

Two: You are not dependent upon the Spirit of God

HOMEWORK

Memorize: 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

Married, ask spouse: In what ways do I make you feel loved or feel unloved?

Singles, ask friends: What can I do now to become a more loving husband or submissive wife

Unequally yoked & single parent: Where practical steps am I taking to be loved by Christ and His bride

Read: Love that Lasts chapter 6 The heart of conflict