



A Husband's Particular Duties - Love

Week 6 Discussion Guide

Synopsis

This message explores the instruction for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church. We consider six aspects of Christ's love of his church, and how those aspects should play themselves out in a godly man's home. Christ's love is initiating, not responsive. Christ love is true and without hypocrisy. Christ's love is free and not dependent on our works. Christ's love is pure and undefiled or polluted by sin. Christ's love is infinite and never runs dry. Christ's love is constant and does not vary over time. In these ways, godly husbands can seek to mirror Christ's example in establishing godly homes.

Questions for Preparation Before the Message

1. What are some of the key actions your wife would say you do that communicate your love for her?
2. Describe a moment when you failed to love your wife well. What were the circumstances and what could you have done better?

Questions for Reflection After the Message

1. Which aspect of Christ's love challenged you the most? Where do you see the greatest gap currently in your love of your wife?
2. Think back over the last month? Where do you choose the easier path of loving and serving yourself, rather than the more difficult path of choosing to love and serve your wife? How would it have looked different to choose otherwise?
3. In what ways might your wife feel like she has to earn your love? Keep in mind, this isn't always something you have said verbally, but could be patterns of responses, attitudes, or behaviors that could communicate a works-based-love to your wife.



Main Idea of Message

A godly man must love his wife as Christ loved the Church.

Outline of Message

1. The order of a husband's love
2. The truth of a husband's love
3. The cause of a husband's love
4. The quality of a husband's love
5. The quantity of a husband's love
6. The continuance of a husband's love