

**February 26 2023**

Marriage Cove-WHAT?  
Pastor Cliff Purcell

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Ephesians 5:21-33



**Directions:**

UsRead Ephesians 5:21 and discuss the following:

## Discussion Questions:

1. What is a covenant? And what does that have to do with marriage?
2. Pastor Cliff gave a definition of marriage today. What are its important elements? (The important elements are: lifelong... covenant... one man/one woman... exclusive and faithful love... example of Christ's love for the church.)
3. How have we failed to teach this clearly enough for our current generations in the church to know, believe, and practice this? How can we start to do so?
4. Share with your group one thing you commit to doing as a result of learning what Christian Marriage is.

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## Some definitions and quotes from the sermon:

Blood Covenant is a formal permanent relationship between two people or groups, negotiated for the benefit of both, then sealed in a ceremony with stated provisions for accountability and restoration. A drama performed to help us understand and formally begin the relationship. It includes blessings and curses – which are consequences for keeping or violating the covenant.

A Covenant Meal was meant to seal, to renew, to restore. The Covenant was renewed annually. Today family meals renew relationships.

Blood Covenant is the only relationship in which God offers Himself to humanity, and it is the one kind of relationship that is assumed by the writers of Scripture.

Your marriage is supposed to be the primary signpost of His love in our culture.

Five things our church offers:

1. Preaching on marriage, parenting, sexuality.
2. Classes on marriage and parenting on Wednesday evenings.
3. Dynamic Marriage Workshop.
4. Short-term marriage counseling and referrals for long-term marriage counseling.
5. Life Group support and encouragement.

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