

A photograph of a group of people dining at a restaurant. The scene is dimly lit, with warm, ambient lighting. In the foreground, a person's hand is visible holding a fork over a plate of food. The table is set with various dishes, including a large bowl of food, a glass of wine, and a bottle. In the background, several people are seated at the table, engaged in conversation. The overall atmosphere is intimate and social.

Glorify the Creator

Eph. 5:22-33

*“The Role of Marriage in
Glorifying the Creator”*

Eph. 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord.**

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church:** and **he is the saviour of the body.**

24 Therefore as the church is **subject unto Christ,** so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church,** and **gave himself for it;**

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.



Review

This year our theme is...

Glorify the Creator

In order to glorify our Creator, we must first know what “glorify” means:

glorify

To praise the glory of (God), especially as an act of worship.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/glorify?s=t>

“The Role of Marriage in Glorifying the Creator”

- Marriage, Scripturally defined, is the union of one man and one woman, for God’s glory.

I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A. Marriage was Designed for Companionship

1. The Initiative is from the Creator
2. The Interim of Choices

- In verse 18, the Creator initiates a “help meet” for Adam.
- In verse 19, the Creator’s process of provision includes interim alternatives.
- In verse 20, Adam’s emptiness is still not satisfied.
- The Creator provided keen insight for Adam to have greater appreciation for Eve.

B. Marriage was Designed with Complementarity

1. The Complement to Adam was yet to be Provided

Gen. 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; **but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**

Complementarity

1. The quality or state of being complementary.

Complementary

1. Forming a complement; completing.

Complement

1. Something that completes or makes perfect:
2. The quantity or amount that completes anything:
3. Either of two parts or things needed to complete the whole; counterpart.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/complement>

2. The Completer of Adam was very Personal

- Eve is a type of the Bride of Christ.

3. The Closeness to Adam was very Practical

Gen. 2:23 And Adam said, **This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

C. Marriage was Designed for Conclusiveness

Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- God's order of relationship = God first; mate second; children third, ministry and career must always follow after.

Rightly understood, therefore, a marriage entered into before God involves three persons:

1. A husband
2. A wife
3. God.

Zsa Zsa Gábor - 9 Marriages

Larry King - 8 Marriages

Elizabeth Taylor - 8 Marriages

Mickey Rooney - 8 Marriages

Lana Turner - 8 Marriages

Richard Pryor - 7 Marriages

Jerry Lee Lewis - 7 Marriages

Tony Curtis - 6 Marriages

Stan Laurel - 6 Marriages

Clark Gable - 5 Marriages

George Foreman - 5 Marriages

Henry Fonda - 5 Marriages

Geraldo Rivera - 5 Marriages

Kenny Rogers - 5 Marriages

Merle Haggard - 5 Marriages

Richard Burton - 5 Marriages

Cary Grant - 5 Marriages

Rita Hayworth - 5 Marriages

Jacqueline Bisset - 5 Marriages

Tammy Wynette - 5 Marriages

“Stand by Your Man”

- Many marriages fail due to lack of love, or lack of proper understanding of love.

D. Marriage was Designed for Comprehension

1. Comprehension of Leadership

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23 For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**

24 Therefore **as the church is subject unto Christ,** so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

- Submission is a Scriptural standard for all believers.

Eph. 5:21 **Submitting yourselves one to another** in the fear of God.

1 Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, **submit yourselves** unto the elder. **Yea, all of you be subject one to another**, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Original Word: ὑποτάσσω

Transliteration: hypotassó

Definition: I place under, subject to; mid, pass: I submit, put myself into subjection.

hypotássō (from *hypó*, "under" and *tássō*, "arrange") – **properly, "under God's arrangement," i.e. submitting to the Lord (His plan).**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5293.htm>

- The key to submission, from human to human, is “**as unto the Lord.**”

Eph. 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another **in the fear of God.**

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord.**

- The reason for the leadership roles goes back to the Garden of Eden.

1 Tim. 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

9 **In like manner also**, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (**which becometh women professing godliness**) with good works.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, **nor to usurp authority over the man**, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

- Women are not to “usurp authority” due to Eve’s role in “the fall.”

Original Word: αὐθεντέω

Transliteration: authenteó

Definition: I domineer, govern, have mastery over.

authentéō (from *autós*, "self" and *entea*, "arms, armor") – properly, to *unilaterally take up arms*, i.e. acting as an *autocrat* – **literally, self-appointed (acting without submission)**.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/831.htm>

- Leadership, properly understood according to the Scriptures is balanced by love, and not fear.

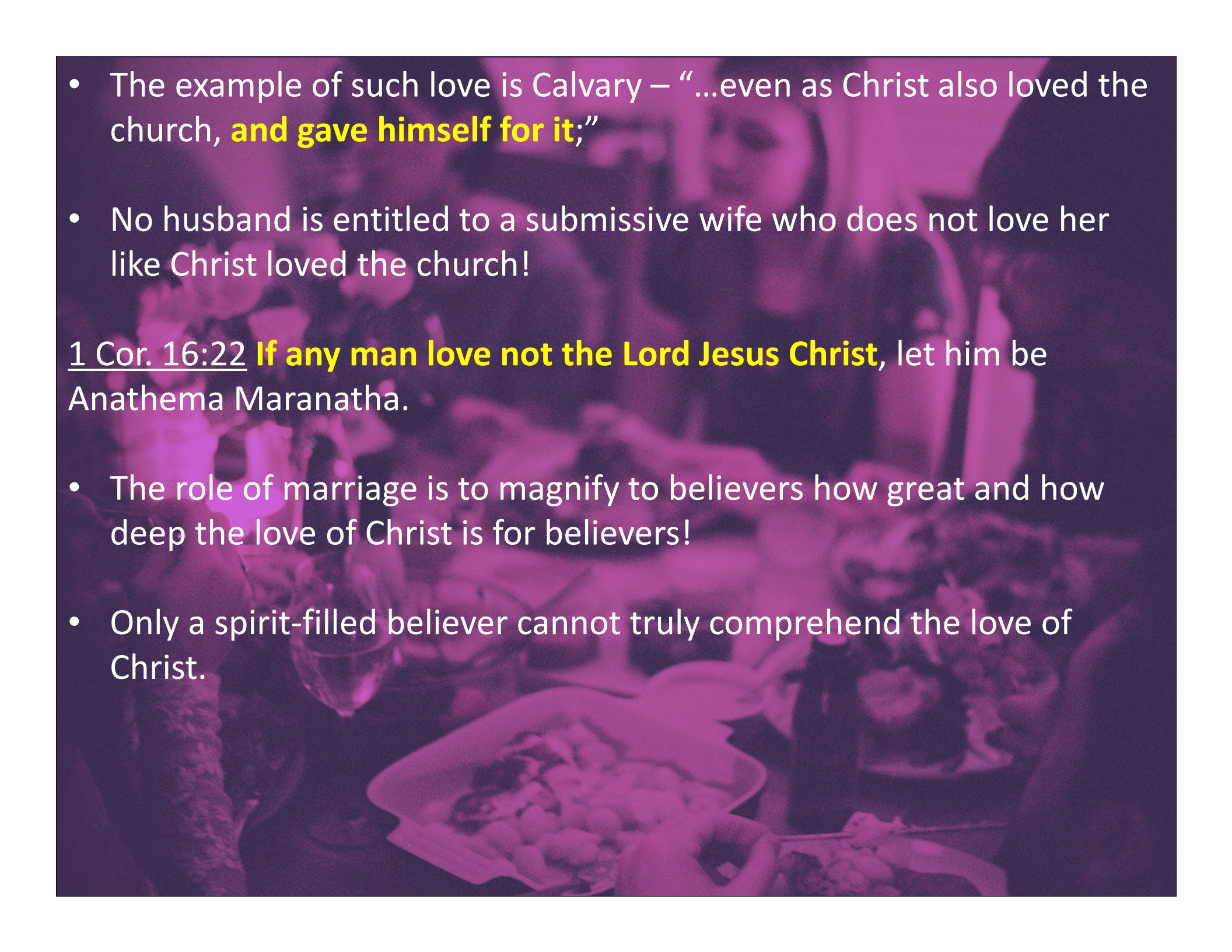
2 Tim. 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 Jn. 4:18 **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.** He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

2. Comprehension of Love

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

- The standard for leadership in the marriage is to lead with the love of Christ commanding the heart of the husband.
- The command to love is ἀγαπάτε – from *agapao*, not *eros* or *phileo*.
- A Christian husband is commanded to have a deep, self-sacrificing love for his wife.

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- A group of people is gathered around a table, likely for a meal or a social gathering. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The people are seen from the chest up, and they appear to be engaged in conversation or eating. The table is set with various dishes, including what looks like a plate of food in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is social and communal.
- The example of such love is Calvary – “...even as Christ also loved the church, **and gave himself for it;**”
 - No husband is entitled to a submissive wife who does not love her like Christ loved the church!

1 Cor. 16:22 **If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ**, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

- The role of marriage is to magnify to believers how great and how deep the love of Christ is for believers!
- Only a spirit-filled believer cannot truly comprehend the love of Christ.

Gal. 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

- God-like love overcomes all challenges in the marriage.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- Scriptural marriage displays the love of Christ.

Eph. 5:32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

Eph. 5:2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us**, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Conclusion

Rom. 8:35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?**

shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.