

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, June 26, 2022**

**Sermon Series: God's Plan and Purposes for Marriage**

**Message 9. The Husband's Role: Love – Eph. 5:25-33; Col. 3:19**

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Introduction: The two greatest commandments are both commands to love – to love the Lord with all we are, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. All of the Law and Prophets hang on these two loves and we find the greatest fulfillment of these commands in the life, death, resurrection, and reign of Jesus Christ. His service and sacrifice demonstrate the highest love, and this is the kind of love a husband is to have for his wife.

- I. The Greatest Love – John 15:12-13
  - A. God is Love – 1 John 4:7-11
    - 1. The Father loves the Son – John 3:35
    - 2. The Son loves the Father – John 14:31
    - 3. Love is a fruit of the Spirit – Gal. 5:22
    - 4. Inseparable Love – Rom. 8:35-39
  - B. God is to Be Loved
    - 1. Love God with All Our Being – Matt. 22:37-38
    - 2. Loving God includes loving our neighbor – Matt. 22:39
    - 3. Loving God is obeying Him – John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 1 John 5:2-3
    - 4. Loving God includes loving our enemies – Matt. 5:44-46
  - C. God's Love is to Be Imitated – Eph. 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16-18
- II. The Comprehensive Command to Love – 1 Cor. 16:14; Col. 3:14
  - A. Do Everything with Love
  - B. Without Love, Everything is Unprofitable – 1 Cor. 13:1-3
  - C. Love Is
    - 1. Sincere – Rom. 12:9
    - 2. Kind affection – Rom. 12:10
    - 3. Enduring – Eph. 4:1-2; 1 Cor. 13:7-8
    - 4. Harmless – Rom. 13:10
    - 5. Edifying – 1 Cor. 8:1
    - 6. Serving – Gal. 5:13-14
    - 7. Forgiving – 1 Peter 4:8
    - 8. Fearless – 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 John 4:18
- III. Husbands Love Your Wives – Eph. 5:25-30
  - A. The Standard: Sacrificially – vs. 25
    - 1. Like Christ Loves the Church – Eph. 5:1-2
    - 2. Give Yourself for Her
  - B. The Goal: Sanctification – vs. 26-27

1. Purification – cleansed with the Word

2. Sanctification – glorious and holy

C. The Means: Service – vs. 28-30

1. Nourish – feed, help to grow and flourish – “one flesh” – Gen. 2:24; 1 Cor. 7:3-4

2. Cherish – comfort with gentleness, tender care – 1 Thess. 2:7

3. To Serve is to Lead – John 13:1-5, 12-17; Mark 10:35-45

D. The Enemies – Col. 3:19

1. Bitterness – Heb. 12:12-15

a. Angry resentment

b. Harsh treatment

c. Hostile feelings

2. Slander – Eph. 4:31-32

a. The Husband is responsible to make decisions alone – denies the wife’s role as helpmate

b. The Husband must never be questioned by his wife – Prov. 11:14; 12:15

c. The Husband alone is responsible for sins in the lives of those under his authority – Ezek. 18:20

IV. The Big Picture – Eph. 5:31-33; Rom. 5:8

A. Love Defined

B. Love Demonstrated

## **Cross References**

### **John 15:12-13**

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

### **1 John 4:7-11**

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### **John 3:35**

35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

### **John 14:31**

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

### **Galatians 5:22**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

### **Romans 8:35-39**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who 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 created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Matthew 22:37-39**

37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

### **John 14:15**

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

### **John 14:21**

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

### **John 14:23-24**

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

### **1 John 5:2-3**

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

### **Matthew 5:44-46**

44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

### **Ephesians 5:1-2**

5 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

### **1 John 3:16-18**

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

### **1 Corinthians 16:14**

14 Let all that you do be done with love.

### **Colossians 3:14**

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

### **Romans 12:9-10**

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

### **Ephesians 4:1-2**

4 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

### **1 Corinthians 13:7-8(a)**

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

### **Romans 13:10**

10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

### **1 Corinthians 8:1**

8 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

### **Galatians 5:13-14**

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

### **1 Peter 4:8**

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

### **2 Timothy 1:7**

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

## **1 John 4:18**

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

## **Genesis 2:24**

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

## **1 Corinthians 7:3-4**

3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

## **1 Thessalonians 2:7**

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

## **John 13:1-5, 12-17**

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

## **Mark 10:35-45**

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." 36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; 40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for

those for whom it is prepared.” 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. 42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

### **Colossians 3:19**

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

### **Hebrews 12:12-15**

12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

### **Ephesians 4:31-32**

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

### **Proverbs 11:14**

14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

### **Proverbs 12:15**

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.

### **Ezekiel 18:20**

20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

### **Romans 5:8**

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