

**A Love Made In Heaven**  
**Eph. 5: 25-33**

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1. Some people have found themselves in homes that have rotten foundations.
  - a. That kind of house is a picture of what has happened to marriage and the family in our society today. There are weakened walls in marriages everywhere.
  - b. God knew those pressures would be in marriage. In fact, those pressures can drive us together to maintain our marriage vows.
2. The Bible provides us with the insight into how to build a marriage.
  - a. Paul gives this statement in Eph. 5 - wives are to submit and respect their husbands, and husbands are to love their wives.
3. With that in mind, let's look at four ways Paul tells us how Christ loved the church and how we are to love one another.

**I. A Sacrificial Love. (Eph. 5: 25) “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”**

- A. “Love your wife  as Christ loved the church  ”
- B. What does that sacrificial love look like?
- C. Let's note some ways we can show sacrificial love.

**II. A Sanctifying Love. (Eph. 5: 26-28) “to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word...”**

- A. Jesus gave Himself to sanctify and cleanse His body (v. 26a).
- B. Our love for one another is to set us apart from others.

**III. A Sustaining Love. (Eph. 5: 29) “He feeds and cares for it...”**

- A. Christ nourishes and cherishes His body (v. 29a).
- B. Jesus cares for His Body (v. 29b).
- C. How do we sustain love in our homes?

**IV. A Solid Love. (Eph. 5: 31) “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife...”**

- A. Paul takes us back to Genesis 2: 2 to the Garden of Eden.
- B. We are to seek intimacy.
- C. We are to work for permanence.