

NOT MODERN FAMILY #1
"husbands love your wives"
Ephesians 5:21, 25-33 / February 23, 2014

Intro - The problem with "modern family"

Thoughts on the sexes: Complementary, Egalitarian, or Chauvinistic? (Genesis 1:27/Matthew 19:4)

Context: Church (submitting to one another)

Command: "husbands love your wives"

Example: "as Christ loved the church" (25, 29b, 32b)

- **love that gives itself up (25, John 15:12&13)**
- **love that sanctifies the other (26&27, I Corinthians 6:11)**
- **love that nourishes and cherishes (28&29, Ephesians 6:4)**
- **love that holds fast (31, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:3-6)**
- **love that becomes a testimony (32, Revelation 19:7&8)**

Close - ridiculous

Prayer for Eastview Christian Church

- For Christian husbands: Father, help me to love my wife like Christ loved the church. Forgive my selfishness and lack of compassion I often display to her. Thank you for the gift of my wife and help me to lead her through love.
- For non-believing husbands: God, would you bring the husbands who don't know you into a loving relationship with Jesus so that they will experience the love you have called them to give?
- For single Christian men: God, erase from my mind everything this world has taught me about love. Help me to see my Christian sisters not as objects, but as beautiful creations of yours and if it is your will allow me to find a Christian woman for my wife.
- For marriages at Eastview: God, please protect every marriage in this church from the temptations and tricks of Satan. Give us strength to change our culture by working at relationships instead of abandoning them.

Resources for healthy marriages (available in Harvest Bookstore)

"The Meaning of Marriage" by Tim Keller

"Love and Respect" by Emerson Eggerichs