

## The Spirit-Filled Husband

### Ephesians 5:25-33

#### Study Guide

1. There are three different words used for love in the New Testament.
  - a. What are the three words?
  
  - b. Which word is used in 5:25?
  
  - c. Should the other 2 words be present in a marriage (see Titus 2:4 - it may require some studying)?
  
2. In 5:25 Christ is the example for husbands to follow.
  - a. On whom has Christ set His love?
  
  - b. How has Jesus demonstrated His love?
  
  - c. What reason does 5:26 give for Christ's sacrifice?
  
3. Christ has cleansed the church "by the washing of water with the Word."
  - a. To what does this metaphor refer?
  
  - b. How is the church "cleansed" by the Word?
  
  - c. What is the goal of this cleaning? (5:27)
  
  - d. How does this relate to the goal husbands should have for their wives?
  
4. 5:29 commands husbands to love their wives as their own bodies because "He who loves his wife loves himself."
  - a. What does this teach us about the independence of a husband and wife?
  
  - b. How does this contradict the idea that a husband's wife is his servant, and only exists to do what he desires?
  
  - c. How should a husband "nourish" and "cherish" his wife?
  
5. 5:31-32 makes a stunning statement concerning the union of a husband and wife, tying it to creation, and not just culture.
  - a. According to 5:31 & Gen 2:24, what was one of God's intentions in marriage?
  
  - b. To what does the nature of this union refer?
  
  - c. How, then (based on what it points to) can singles or Christians with unbelieving spouses still celebrate and enjoy the intimacy to which marriage refers?