

# Ephesians 5:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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**[Verse 5:25 text would be quoted here]** This verse in Ephesians chapter 5 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

## Historical Context

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Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 5 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the truth of Ephesians 5:25 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

## Interlinear Text

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Οἱ ἄνδρες ἠγάπησεν τὰς γυναῖκας ἑαυτὸν καθὼς καὶ  
G3588 **Husbands** G435 **love** G25 G3588 **wives** G1135 **himself** G1438 **even as** G2531 **also** G2532

ὁ Χριστὸς ἠγάπησεν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν καὶ ἑαυτὸν  
G3588 **Christ** G5547 **love** G25 G3588 **the church** G1577 **also** G2532 **himself** G1438

παρέδωκεν ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς  
**gave** G3860 **for** G5228 **it** G846

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Peter 3:7** (Parallel theme): Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

**Colossians 3:19** (Love): Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

**Ephesians 5:28** (Love): So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

**Genesis 2:24** (Parallel theme): Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**Ephesians 5:33** (Love): Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

**Ephesians 5:2** (Love): 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.

**Revelation 1:5** (Love): And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**Galatians 1:4** (Parallel theme): Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

**Galatians 2:20** (Love): I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**Revelation 5:9** (Parallel theme): And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;