

SAVIOR-LIKE HUSBANDS EPHESIANS 5:28-31

How did you see God working in your marriage this week?

Background: In the original texts in **Ephesians 5:23**, the husband is depicted as the savior of the body—not our Savior from sin but the savior of the marriage. (Compare the word savior (KJV) in **Ephesians 5:23** to the word Savior in **I Timothy 2:3**.)

HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES as you love your own bodies, “You cannot detach yourself from your body, so you cannot detach yourself from your wife.” D.M. Lloyd-Jones, *Life in the Spirit*, p. 215. “...when you love your wife, you benefit yourself. ...when you neglect your wife, you neglect yourself, and it will come back to hurt you.” David Guzik, “Blue Letter Bible” Commentary on Ephesians. (**Ephesians 5:28, fn 5:25-30, Genesis 2:24, fn 2:24, I Corinthians 6:13-20, fn 6:18, fn 6:19, 20, I Peter 3:7, fn 3:7[2nd]**) *Why should you love your wife as your own body?*

HUSBANDS CARE FOR YOUR WIVES as Christ cares for the church. Your gentleness, kindness and loving devotion will provide a home that is warm, safe, and emotionally secure. When she needs encouragement, give her encouragement. When she needs tender affection, give her tender affection. (**Ephesians 5:29, Philippians 4:19, Song of Solomon 8:6, 7, 14, fn 8:6, 7, fn 8:14, Proverbs 15:23, Proverbs 25:11, Colossians 3:12-15, fn 3:14**) *How do you bring an atmosphere of loving kindness into your marriage?*

HUSBANDS HOLD FAST TO YOUR WIVES as Christ holds fast to the church. In marriage, God has joined you as one flesh. Therefore, it is God’s will and plan for husbands to be bonded like glue to their wives. (**Ephesians 5:30-32, fn 5:31-33, Matthew 19:3-9, fn 19:7, 8, I Corinthians 7:10,11, fn 7:3-11, John 14:18, Hebrews 13:4, 5**) *How do you make separation or divorce unthinkable for your wife?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. *How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others, including your spouse?*

Pray for one another’s needs.