

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

SERMON OUTLINE

Nov. 11th, 2018

1st Peter 3:7 / Col. 3:19 / Eph. 5:25-33

RECAP: Last week, we concluded this discussion in Col. 3:18 on the nature of the godly wife, and her duty and action in the Kingdom of God. Now, we come here, to this discussion on how husbands are to understand their relationship to their wives in a godly, holy way.

Preface: Before we begin this study of Col. 3:19 and other related verses, it is critical that we understand the love of Christ as shown through the Gospel. **Romans 5:6-11.**

- **1st Peter 3:7**

- **Firstly**, wives are called the weaker vessel, and they are deserving of honor as a result. Husbands and men are called to treat all women with honor, as weaker vessels.
- **Secondly**, here they are called equal heirs with you of the grace of life. Not only does this contradict Mormon theology but should remind us of their equality before God.
- **Thirdly**, let's note that husbands are called to live with their wives in an **“understanding way.”** The Greek word “knosis,” means “dwelling with knowledge.” This means that a husband needs to have knowledge when it comes to your wife!
- **Finally**, note this dire warning! Peter says your prayers can actually be hindered as a result of your not showing honor to your wife and living with her “understandingly!”

- **Col. 3:19**

- **“Love.”** The word here for “love” is “agape,” which is the Greek word that most basically means to “value” something. There's 2-3 Greek words in the NT for “love,” unlike in English, and this particular word implies an action, of value, and potential emotion.
- **“Harsh.”** In Greek, this word has a few meanings, and it's used several times in the NT. When John consumes a scroll in **Rev. 10:10**, and it's also used in **James 3:11**.
 - **It is clear from this text**, it is the duty and responsibility of the husband to love his wife and to make her a priority as Paul commands in this letter.

- **Eph. 5:25-33**

- **“Loved/Gave Himself Up.”** We are called, like Christ, to give ourselves up in service to our wives. Without a correct understanding of how much love and sacrifice Christ has shown you, you won't be able to love and care for your wife.
- **“Sanctified.”** You are called to be involved in sanctifying your wife! This means being a husband that looks deliberately out for her spiritual growth and growth in Christ.
- **“Love as yourself.”** In the same way that you take care of yourself, you constantly are concerned about your well-being, you are called to elevate her needs and wants to that same level! In the same way you care for you, care for her!
- **“Nourish/Cherish.”** These are words used here to describe how to treat your wife! When one thinks of cherishing, it is with something of great valuable and precious to yourself!

- **If Christ died for you while you cost Him, then you too, must love your wife this way. And**

when you do this, you are preaching the Gospel to her, by showing her the love of Christ.