

Savior Supreme
Love and Marriage
Colossians 3:18-19

We tend to be stubborn when it comes to the commands of Christ. We usually come to Christ as a result of a crisis of faith that drives us to want to make sense out of life, to have joy, and to want to walk in gladness. Few, if any, will respond negatively to the offer of getting rid of guilt and shame. If they feel these things, they usually want them gone. But is it enough to just want them gone?

1. Wives _____ to your husbands
 - A. There is an element of _____
 - B. There is an element of _____
 - C. There is an element of _____
 - D. There is an element of _____
2. Husbands love your wives
 - A. Men are to love with _____ and _____
 - B. Men are to love with _____ and _____
 - C. Men are to love with _____ and _____
 - D. Men are to love with _____ and _____

The gospel that our marriages were designed to reflect is the same gospel that restores our relationship with God. The gospel saves us and because it saves us, it can save our marriages. The power that God used to reconcile the world to himself, is the same power available to reconcile couples. We start working on our marriages by letting the gospel work on us.

Reflection

Read Ephesians 5:22-33. Identify ways that husbands are to love their wives and develop some ways to demonstrate your willingness to love that way this week. Consider the idea of submission. How can you submit to your husband without compromising your giftedness? What needs to change in conversations so that the husbands reflect love and the wives reflect respect? Is it the word or the tones? Is it body language? Husbands, how can you speak life into your partner this week?