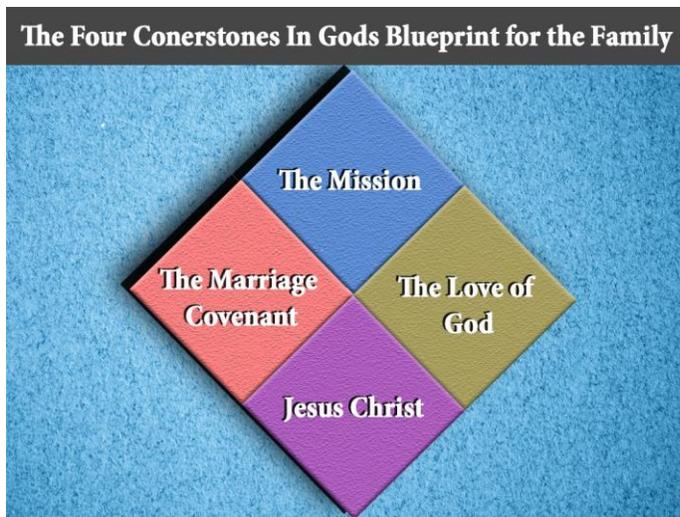


God's Blueprint For The Family
The Love Of God



In Gods blue print for the family, there are 4 cornerstones.

The first cornerstone in God's blueprint for the family is Jesus Christ. He is the chief cornerstone. All the other corner stones and all the other stones in God's blue print for the family are set in reference to Jesus Christ.

All the other stones in God's blue print for the family are built upon these 4 cornerstones.

This morning we are going to learn about the cornerstone the love of God.

When you hear the word love, what does it mean to you?

The English word love has a number of different meanings.

Love=personal preference or desire

Love=feelings of appreciation

Love=feelings of affection

Love=romantic feelings

Love=sacrificing yourself to serve others

This last meaning of the English word love is very close to the meaning of the Greek word for love that is used to describe the nature of God.

1 John 4:7-11

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

The Greek word translated love is agape!

In his book The Four Loves the author C.S. Lewis defined agape this way.

A selfless love, a love that is passionately committed to serving the well-being of the other.

There is no greater example of this kind of selfless love than God.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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Rom 5:8

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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I John 4:9-11

9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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It is this selfless love that forms the 4th cornerstone of God's blueprint for the family.

Eph. 5:25-27

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

Titus 2:3-4

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

KJV

As God selflessly loved the world and gave His Son to save the world, a husband and a wife are too be passionately committed to selflessly serving the well-being of the other!

This self-less love is also called grace!



In His Word God prescribes specific moral and social responsibilities to husbands and to wives.

To have the cornerstone of God's love in your marriage means that you fulfill your moral responsibility and your social responsibility without respect to how you feel emotionally.

This kind of love between a husband and wife is a great testimony to Jesus Christ and His power.

When a husband and wife love each other with this kind of love, the emotional bond between them grows stronger and stronger. They experience what God intended for marriage in the beginning.

This kind of love between a husband and wife should be the norm in the church of Jesus Christ.

[Eph. 5:1-2](#)

[1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.](#)

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For this kind of love to be the norm we must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

[Eph. 5:17-18](#)

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, NKJV

Through Jesus Christ and His power within us we can put off the old man and put on the new. We can produce His fruit, the fruit of the Spirit.

Gal. 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

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- To be filled with the Holy Spirit you must be in Christ.

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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- To be filled with the Holy Spirit you must know who you are in Christ.

1 Cor. 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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- To be filled with the Holy Spirit you must set yourself apart for Christ.

Matthew 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

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I am sorry to say that instead of being filled with the Spirit and walking in love so many married couples in the church are walking in the flesh and are filled with sin.

- Immorality
- Covetousness
- Obscenities
- Foolish talking
- Coarse jesting
- Drunkenness
- Neglect/Abandonment

Are you in Christ?

1 Cor. 6:9-10

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor

sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
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Do you know who you are in Christ?

Are you setting yourself apart for Christ?

Are you being discipled?

2 Tim. 2:2

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

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