

Calvary Love in the Christian Home

Introduction: "The \_\_\_\_\_ love ever known is 'Calvary love.' The Christian marriage and the Christian home have much more to do with what we put into them than what we take out of them. Some folks have . . . 'Christian house cleaning.' They get everything out that they think is improper, but they do not put the \_\_\_\_\_ things into their homes" (Sexton).

- I. A \_\_\_\_\_ Love (Malachi 2:14-15)
  - A. Marriage is a covenant you make not just with your spouse, but with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. God's love for us never \_\_\_\_\_ even though we often change.
  - C. "Wives will change, and husbands will change, but God \_\_\_\_\_ changes" (Sexton).
  - D. God is the One who \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse to you and you must exhibit Calvary love to them as Christ has to you (Jn. 17:1-10).
- II. A \_\_\_\_\_ Love (1 Jn. 4:19)
  - A. We often \_\_\_\_\_ to what is given to us.
  - B. The more you love your spouse, the more love you will \_\_\_\_\_ back.
  - C. Do not complain that you are not being loved as you feel you should be; instead \_\_\_\_\_ to love unconditionally and then watch them change.
  - D. Take the challenge of filling your spouse's "love \_\_\_\_\_."
  - E. As in any relationship, we must focus on what we can \_\_\_\_\_ rather than what we can get out of it.
- III. A \_\_\_\_\_ Love (2 Cor. 5:14)
  - A. Calvary love is what \_\_\_\_\_ us to serve the Lord.
  - B. The more you love your spouse, the more they will \_\_\_\_\_ to serve you.
  - C. Make sure that others do not have to \_\_\_\_\_ whether you truly love them or not; it should be very obvious.
- IV. A \_\_\_\_\_ Love (1 Jn. 4:17-18)
  - A. "We as Christians are calmed, not by the absence of trouble, but by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Shepherd" (Sexton).
  - B. As we have Calvary love in our hearts, our homes will be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Christians do not have to fall into the hysteria of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Sin is the peace \_\_\_\_\_ (Is. 57:20-21).
  - E. As we follow God's will, Christ will be with us in the boat to calm the \_\_\_\_\_ that may arrive (Mk. 6:45-51).
- V. A \_\_\_\_\_ Love (Heb. 13:5)
  - A. The Lord's love for us never \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ your vows! "To love and to cherish till death do us part."
  - C. Love is ultimately a \_\_\_\_\_ we make every day.

Conclusion: "It is Calvary love that we must have in the Christian home. Calvary love is a covenant love, a causing love, a calming love, a constraining love, and a continuing love" (Sexton).