

## Christ's Cross of Love

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God's love is always connected to the Cross. The Cross is God's display of His love for the world.

Satan's purpose in life is to keep you from going to the Cross.

One reason for divorce is, one's unwillingness to die to self in order for the marriage to live.

Ephesians 5:25 – "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it..."

Loving your wife means you're willing to die to self.

Examples of Christ's Love for Church:

### CHARACTERISTICS

Unconditional  
Sacrificial  
Redemptive

### EVIDENCE

Selfless  
Benefit  
Unity

### PROVISIONS

Identity  
Security  
Stability

Three type of men and examples of their love:

### MALE

Lust, not love  
Word doesn't mean anything  
Selfish  
Pleases self  
Lives with her but doesn't marry her  
Always changing

### IMMATURE MAN

Loves conditionally  
Word is dishonest  
Self-centered  
Her pleasure is pleasing him  
Marriage but lives single lifestyle  
Indecisive

### REAL MAN

Love unconditional  
Always keeps word  
Christlike, selfless  
Pleases her  
Two are one spirit  
Steadfast, single minded

REAL MAN – Loves wife like Christ loved church. Man enough to take it to the Cross.

## Ministry Focus

1. How might Satan keep you from going to the Cross?
2. Like divorce, what other situations might you have to allow yourself to die that it might live?
3. Do you express any of the attributes of a "Male" or are you a "Real Man?"