

# Love - the Basis for Marriage

Most couples say they are marrying because they love each other. Let's assume for a minute, at least for this exercise, that in this society in order to be married you had to convince a jury in a court of law that you really did love the other person. In the space below write in detail the facts you would present to a jury to convince them for your love for your fiance.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**What is LOVE?** What does the world think love is? Here are several definitions:

- A. "Love is a feeling you feel when you get a feeling that you've never felt before."
- B. "Love is a perpetual state of anesthesia."
- C. "Love is a find, a fire, a heaven, a hell-where pleasure, pain and sad repentance dwell."
- D. "Love is a grave mental disease."
- E. "To love somebody is not just a strong felling-it is a decision, it is a judgement, it is a promise."
- F. "Love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person."

In the space below write your own definition of what you feel LOVE is.

---

---

---

---

You are working as a marriage counselor and a couple comes in to talk with you about the following problem, how would you help this person resolve the conflict?

After eight years of marriage, Ken tells you that he no longer has any feeling for his wife. "It isn't like when we were first married," he says, "I knew without a doubt I loved her then. I had strong emotional feelings that were unmistakable. Now that is all gone. I admire her. She is a wonderful girl, a good wife and mother. I'm really more attracted to a girl I used to date in high school." Sandy, Ken's wife, is frustrated over the whole matter. She says she loves her husband and children and wants to hold her family together. Neither wants a divorce. "How can I regain that feeling for my wife?" he asks. "Was it something I did to destroy his love for me?" she asks.

Please answer the following question to the best of your ability.

1. What are the causes of the problem?

Sandy \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Ken \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What should they do to resolve the problem?

Sandy \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Ken \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What suggestions does Revelation 2: 1-5 give on how to fall in love again?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_