

## Husbands, Love Your Wife as Christ Loved the Church (Eph 5:25) Pt 1

1. To Whom Must the Christian Wife Submit? (v 22)
2. Why Must the Christian Wife Submit to Her Own Husband? (v. 23)
3. Why is the Christian Wife's Submission so Important? (v.24)

### I. Husbands, Love your Wife as Jesus loved the Church -- Sacrificially

- a. *The Husband's love for His Wife is particular*
- b. *The Husband's love for His Wife –leads him to die for His Wife*
- c. *The Husband's love is to be a suffering love*
- d. *The Husband's love for His Wife is to be a praying love*
- e. *The Husband's love for His Wife is to be a faithful love,*

### II. Sanctifying or Purifying Love (5:26-27)

- a. Positively: sanctifying her by transforming her into His likeness
- b. Negatively: purifying her from remaining sin by His Word.

### III. Self Love (5:28-30)

- As we love our selves – care for ourselves, we are to care for our wives

### IV. Unbreakable Love (5:31)

- God's standards do not change over time, God hates divorce (Mal 2: 16)

### V. The Motive for Loving Your Wife (5: 32-33)

- Christian marriage is a picture of Christ's love for His church