# <u>Christ Beautifies His Bride</u> <u>Ephesians 5:23-33</u>

What are the purposes of marriage?

A brief overview of redemptive history

Why did God tell Hosea to marry an adulterous woman? (Hosea 3:1-5)

## Christ is the Head of the Church

What does head mean?

How is this often misunderstood?

How did Christ rule over the church?

#### Christ is the Savior of the Church

Saving is the goal of Christ's headship.

He is beautifying, perfecting and making His bride glorious.

### **Christ Loves the Church**

What is the unique, pure love of God like?

We are nurtured by pure, divine love.

## Christ gave Himself up for the Church

When Jesus was given all power what did He do with it?

You come into some unexpected money. What is your first thought?

### Christ will make the Church Holy

What was the goal of Christ giving Himself up for His bride?

To make the church holy, will Jesus fail?

How does Jesus perfect His bride?

# Christ will present to Himself a Radiant Church

What was the engagement/marriage process like in New Testament times?

#### **Christ Feeds and Cares for His Church**

Why does Jesus love you? What is His reason?

## Paul's conclusion of the whole matter, verses 32-33

Christ loves His church. Let that thought sink in.