

# WHY

DO YOU need  
a CHURCH family

We Are the Body of Christ!

Ephesians 5:22-32

Part Four  
He's Coming for a Pure Bride

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.



# God's Powerful Purposes for Covenant Marriage



Godly offspring - Mal. 2:15



That We Would Not be Alone - Gen. 2:18



Growth toward Christ-Like Character - II Cor. 3:18



That we would care for one another. v. 29



Biggest Deal? As a glorious picture to the lost world of Jesus love for His church! v. 25, 26

Christ views the church like a bridegroom sees his bride. How much does Christ love His church? He gave up His life to redeem her to Himself. And now He works daily to cleanse us and prepare us for the wedding feast of the Lamb!

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear. For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God’s holy people.”

Revelation 19:7, 8 (NLT)

You might say, “Are you serious? God expects me to love Him more than I do my wife? My newborn baby?”


Problem: Working from a cultural definition of love rather than a Biblical one.

Laying down life

Living sacrificially for another

Serving as an example of Christ’s love

A choice, not an overwhelming emotion



“The greatest motivation for being passionately committed to the Church is that Jesus is passionately committed to the Church.” Joshua Harris



Called to be imitators of God - Ephesians 5:1



Jesus is “conforming us” to His image - Rom 8:29



To be like Jesus is to love what He loves.

Our Father, since you are infinitely worthy of praise;  
Jesus, since you are King over all things forever;  
Spirit, since we believe you have the power to take  
the hardest of hearts and minds and show them the  
beauty of Jesus and the ugliness of sin, we will go  
into all the world, our world. And we will love the  
gospel dearly, speak the gospel clearly, and live the  
gospel sincerely. For your glory, our joy, and for the  
peace of those who will be saved by your grace  
because we loved them enough to share.