

## ***Husbands I: Loving Your Wife as Christ (Ephesians 5:25-27)***

- I. **Introduction**
  - A. God as Husband to His People
    - 1. Ezekiel 16:8-14, Isaiah 54:5
    - 2. Jesus is the Bridegroom (Mk 2)
  - B. Review Context
  - C. Reading the text – Eph 5:25-27
  - D. Outline of sermon
  
- II. **How are we to love our wives?**
  - A. Love necessitates action
  - B. I Corinthians 13
    - 1. Love is patient (1 Pet 3:7)
    - 2. Love is kind
    - 3. Love is not Jealous (James 3:16)
    - 4. Love does not brag (Philippians 2:6-8)
    - 5. Love is not arrogant (1 Cor 4:6)
    - 6. Love does not act unbecomingly
    - 7. Love does not seek its own (Mt 20:28)
    - 8. Love is not provoked (1 Pet 2:21-23)
    - 9. Love does not take into account a wrong suffered
    - 10. Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness
    - 11. Love rejoices with the truth
    - 12. Love bears all things (Prov 10:12)
    - 13. Love believes all things
    - 14. Love hopes all things
    - 15. Love endures all things
    - 16. Love never ends
  - C. I Corinthians 13 is a portrait Christ
  
- III. **A Sacrificial Love (Eph 5:25)**
  - A. Luke 22:24-27
    - 1. examples of how you might serve your wife
    - 2. Mark 9:35
  - B. John 13:3-17
    - 1. Men, do you wash your wife's feet?
  
- IV. **A Sanctifying Love**
  - A. Christ the Sanctifier
    - 1. Men, pray for your wife
    - 2. Men, instruct your wife
  - B. The water of the Word
  - C. Presenting your wife holy and without blemish
  
- V. **Conclusion: The church's Head is Her Bridegroom**
  - A. The eternal gospel of Christ's love in these instructions to husbands
    - 1. loved, gave himself up, sanctify, cleanse, present