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How Did Christ Love Us?
Ephesians 5:25–33



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Gen. 3:15, The Aspect of the Judgment of Sin for Both the Woman and the Man

**General trend
of women**

**Gen. 3:16, “... your
desire shall be to
control your
husband,”**

Women trend
toward wanting to
be the leader

Solution: Submit
to the leadership
of the husband



**General trend
of men**

**“But he shall
domineeringly rule
over you.” [~RD]**

Men trend toward being
autocratic, as well as
abdication responsibility

Solution: Love
your wife as Christ
loved the Church

**Both reflect the core
arrogant, “me first,”
orientation of
the sin nature.**

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Eph. 5:30, “For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

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Initial Observations

- 1. Husbands are to love their wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her.**
- 2. Husbands ought to love their own wives as their own body.**
- 3. Illustration: no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes, i.e., husbands are to nourish and cherish their wife as Christ does the Church.**
- 4. We need to understand the mystery of Christ and the church to improve our own expression of love for our wives.**
- 5. We are to love our own wife as we love our selves.**

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Characteristics of this love are:

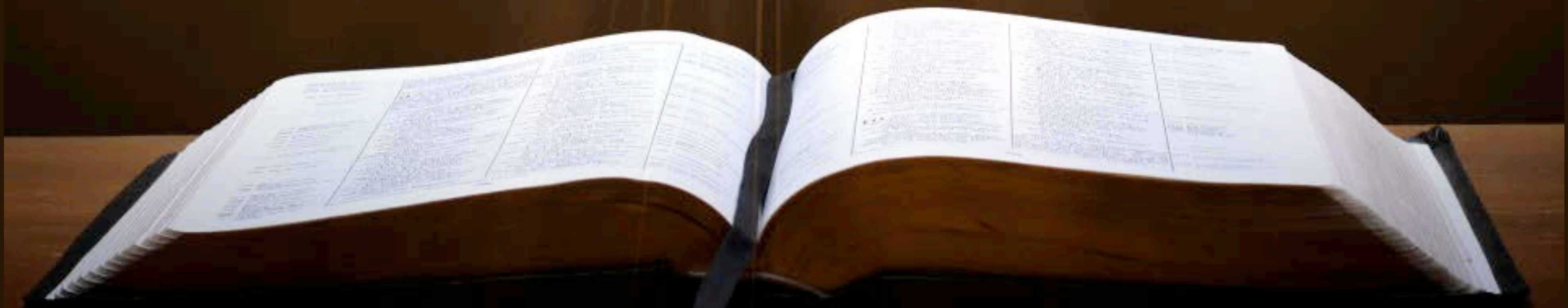
volitional, unchanging, eternal, faithful, dependable, loyal, based on God's integrity, not on who we are or what we have done. God's love is the source of His grace and mercy towards those who are undeserving.

Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

Christ's Love for the Church



Three words for love in the Old Testament

חַשַׁק *chashaq* qal perf 3 masc sing to attach something to someone, often to attach love to someone to love, speaks of a volitional act of attaching one's love unconditionally on the object of our love.

אהב *ahav* general word for both divine love and human love. Deut. 7:13

חֶסֶד *chesed*-2 lovingkindness; steadfast loyalty to a covenant, faithful, loyal love. Unconditional, immutable, eternal. Psalm 36:7

2. This love is demonstrated at the cross.

John 3:16, “For God loved the world in this way: He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

**ἀγαπάω *agapaō*
aor act indic 3 sing
to love**

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**ἀγάπη *agapē*
fem sing acc love**

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Gal. 1:3, “Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

Gal. 1:4, “who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,”

Gal. 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Matt. 20:28, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for [*anti*] many.” [Mark 10:45]

Titus 2:14, “who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”

John 10:11, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

1 Pet. 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,”

1. The most important is the mental focus, the mindset of humility.

Php. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Php. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Php. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Matt. 20:25, “But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

Matt. 20:26, “ ‘Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Matt. 20:27, “ ‘And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—

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1. As Jesus anticipated the crucifixion His soul was grieved.

Matt. 26:38, “Then He said to them, ‘My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.’ ”

John 12:27, “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”

Isa. 53:3, “He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.”

2. He was treated with disdain by the Temple Guard and the Jews and Romans when the crowd came to arrest Him.

Matt. 26:47, “And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.”

Matt. 26:55, “In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, ‘Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.’ ”

3. He was betrayed by a friend who was bribed.

Matt. 26:48, “Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.’”

Matt. 26:49, “Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed Him.”

John 18:19, “The high priest [Annas] then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

John 18:20, “Jesus answered him, ‘I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.

John 18:21, “ ‘Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said.’ ”

4. He was then struck by one of the officers, the first of many times when he was maltreated by the authorities.

John 18:22, “And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, ‘Do You answer the high priest like that?’

John 18:23, “Jesus answered him, ‘If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?’ ”

5. A further indignity was his being accused by numerous false witnesses who were brought that claimed he did many blasphemous things, but no two agreed. Matt. 26:63–65; Mk. 14:55–59

Mark 14:55, “Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.”

Mark 14:56, “For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.”

Matt. 26:62, “And the high priest arose and said to Him, ‘Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?’”

Matt. 26:63, “But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, ‘I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!’ ”

6. Unjustly condemned.

Matt. 26:65, “Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, ‘He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!’ ”

**7. In all of this Jesus kept His mouth shut. Matt. 26:61–63;
Mark 15:5**

Matt. 26:63, “But Jesus kept silent ...”

Isa. 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”

8. The vote was unanimous, which was illegal. They knew if all agreed that something was terribly wrong. Matt. 26:66–67; Mk. 14:64

Matt. 26:66, “ ‘What do you think?’ They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death.’ ”

Mark 14:64, “ ‘You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?’ And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

9. He was spit on, beaten whipped, ridiculed, mocked, and blasphemed. Matt. 26:67; Mk. 14:65; Luke 22:63–65

Matt. 26:66, “ ‘What do you think?’ They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death.’ ”

Matt. 26:67, “Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,

Matt. 26:68, “saying, ‘Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?’ ”

Mark 14:65, “Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, ‘Prophecy!’ And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.”

10. He was conspired against, the rejection by the masses.

John 1:11, “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”

11. Spoke the truth to Pilate though it meant death. Matt. 27:11–13

Matt. 27:11, “Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, ‘Are You the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you say.’ ”

12. Jesus was then taken to Herod Antipas who further mocked Him by by putting a regal robe on Him.

Luke 23:11, “Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.”

13. Jesus was then taken back to Pilate for the third and final civil trial.

a. The people were given a choice to release either the notorious criminal Barabbas or Jesus, and they chose Barabbas.

b. He was scourged with a Roman flagellum.

John 19:1, “So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.”

John 19:15, “But they cried out, ‘Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but Caesar!’”

John 19:16, “Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.”

c. A crown of thorns was forced down on His head.

John 19:2, “And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.”

14. Mocked and ridiculed by the soldiers.

Matt. 27:27, “Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

Matt. 27:28, “And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

Matt. 27:29, “When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ ”

15. At the cross He was further mocked.

Matt. 27:41, “Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,

Matt. 27:42, “ ‘He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

Matt. 27:43, “ ‘He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, “I am the Son of God.” ’ ”

16. The ultimate was that our sins were then poured out upon Him.

2 Cor. 5:21, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”