

Series: Rediscover Church

Jesus Loves the Church

Text: Ephesians 5:25-27

Context - In Ephesians 5, Paul is applying the Gospel to all of life, particularly to marriage and the family.

Main Idea - Jesus loves the church so much that He gave his life for it - to cleanse it and prepare it for heaven.

Because of the Love Christ has for the church...

1. _____ His sacrifice (vs. 25)

- A. In love, Jesus gave up his life for the church by dying for her sins on the cross.
- B. John 15:13 (ESV) Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

2. _____ to His cleansing (vs. 26)

- A. The goal of Christ in us is to make us holy. The way Jesus does this is through the cleansing of the Word of God.
- B. Just as we have to wash our hands and selves often with water, we must spend time in the Word and let it push us towards holiness and obedience.

3. _____ spotless (vs. 27)

- A. The work of Jesus presents us to God the Father as spotless and blameless.
- B. Romans 8:1 (ESV) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.