

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module IX – The Christian Home**  
**Lesson 5 –As Christ Loved the Assembly**

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I. The example of Christ & the Assembly

A. Eph. 5:25-33 *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ...*

B. How did Christ love the Assembly?

1. He sacrificed everything, (Phil. 2:5-11)
2. His mission was to sanctify and cleanse her – a process
3. The goal – so that she should be a glorious wife
4. Christ and the Assembly are to be married; He leads her to purity; He cleanses her through patience, forgiveness, self-sacrifice, with a goal in mind of perfect unity with her.
5. Christ loved the Assembly as His own flesh – cherishing and nourishing her.
  - a. 1 Cor. 13:4-8 – What does ‘love’ (agape) look like? *“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”*

C. 1 Pet. 3:7 *“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, [requires LISTENING & empathizing with her needs and frustrations] giving honor to the wife as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”*

1. Co-heirs Rom. 8:16-17