**Book of Ephesians Series: ‘How Do You Identify?’ (PT. 12)**

 **“In Christ: “I AM LOVED” (Eph. 5:22–33)**

**I. FIVE WAYS JESUS LOVES THE CHURCH**

 **1. AS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as CHRIST is the HEAD of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.”*

 **2. AS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“23b Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its SAVIOR.” be named among you.”*

 **3. AS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and GAVE himself up for her.”*

 **4. AS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“26b that he might SANCTIFY her, having CLEANSED her by the washing of water with the word,”*

**5** **AS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but NOURISHES and CHERISHES it, just as Christ does the church,”*

**II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR A WIFE TO ‘SUBMIT AND RESPECT’ LIKE JESUS?**

**1. It does NOT mean that the wife is less \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, intelligent, or competent.**

**2. It does NOT mean that men, in general, are to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over women in general.**

**3. It does NOT mean that the wife does not have independent thoughts.**

**4. It does NOT mean that the wife cannot seek to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her husband.**

**5. It does NOT mean that the wife does not express her thoughts and feelings.**

**6. It does NOT mean that a wife ignores all of her husband’s flaws and only encourages his respectable characteristics.**

**7. It DOES mean that a wife sets a pattern for others to respect her husband.**

**8. It DOES help guard a woman’s tendency to distrust, to despise, and to disrespect her husband.**

**9. It DOES mean that she takes her cue from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus.**

**III. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR A HUSBAND TO LOVE AND LEAD LIKE JESUS??**

**1. The question is NOT, “Are you the head?” but “Are you a GOOD or BAD head?”**

**2. Men are NOT the highest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. Men are to love their WIFE, not just their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. A HUSBAND’S most important human friendship is with his WIFE.**

**5. A husband must love his WIFE and not just what he hopes she will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**6. A husband must love his wife, WHATEVER comes his way.**

**7. A husband must be TOUGH and TENDER to love his wife as Christ loved the church.**

**8. As the family leader, a husband must take RESPONSIBILITY for the well-being of the family.**