

## EPHESIANS - Our Heavenly Account Statement

### “THE STANDARD OF LOVE”

Ephesians 5:25-33

Lesson #26

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#### REVIEW:

#### A. Husbands Love ..... Ephesians 5:25-33

- 1) The covering authority **MUST** love the one(s) covered.
  - a) *Agape* is an **AGGRESSIVE** love
  - b) Titus 2:4
  - c) *Phileo* is a **RESPONDING** love
- 2) As the one to whom others are submitted...
  - a) My decisions must be made on behalf of the welfare of those in submission.
  - b) Others are not here for **MY BENEFIT**.

#### B. Just as Christ ..... Ephesians 5:25-33

- 1) The command is NOT...
- 2) To understand the command we have to understand first **HOW CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH**
- 3) Keeps doing what He said He would do because of who He is and what He said.
- 4) Doesn't do our part for us, but stands back and patiently waits for us to.
- 5) Doesn't speak from emotions (I'm scared, upset, feeling left out, neglected, etc.)
- 6) Doesn't remind us of **OUR PAST**.

- 7) Doesn't speak from **HURT**, even when we do.
- 8) Is not **GUILTED** into doing the things our flesh cries out for instead of our spirit, and He doesn't yell at us when we try.
- 9) Doesn't go along with our plans or pleas just to keep the peace, but will contend with us at times.
- 10) God loves us as a Father; Jesus is the example as the church is His bride.
- 11) Jesus loves the church but it doesn't mean she is perfect, nor that He loves our imperfections.
- 12) Jesus doesn't change us, manipulate us, or domineer us. He helps us to better ourselves.
- 13) You flesh will operate as **MALE OR FEMALE** but your spirit is above that restriction.
- 14) You will not do as God desires through your **FLESH**; only through your **NEW BORN SPIRIT**.

#### C. The Body ..... Ephesians 5:28-33

- 1) The church is the body of Christ, so as Christ loves His own body, the husband needs to see the wife the same way.
- 2) Again, this is a command to the husband. It is not a verse to the wife to throw at him. It is from God to him.
- 3) Love and respect

APPLICATION: Summing Up