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Goals For 2020
Theme
 A Church With 2020 Vision
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;
Sunday AM: 50
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 35th week of our Bible Reading.

Prayer List
 Sharon Nale
 Les & Novema Dunn
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)
 Sharon Thompson
 The Wards & Beth McFarland
 Dale Kahl
 Brooke Thomas
 Pam Caudill

Love: John 13:34-35
 I Jn 4:7-8, I Cor. 13:1-7

Who Have You Invited To Services This week?

Lord's Supper Reading
 Hebrews 9:22-28

Scripture Reading
 AM: Matt. 22:34-40
 PM: James 4:7-10

Encouragement Tally
 Invites this month: 2
 Invites last month: 110
 Visitors last year: 48
 Visitors YTD: 8

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Thou Shalt Love The Lord Thy God

Welcome!
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Read Matt. 22:34-40. Jesus is being posed a series of questions by a group of Jews trying to ensnare Him in His words. In these passages He makes the statement that is the title of our lesson this morning. Let's take a look at its import.

- I. We Think Of Love as an Emotion We Can't Control**
 Mt 22:37-38
- II. How We Love**
 Matt 22:37, Lev. 19, Jn 14:15:23
- III. Why Love?**
 Mt. 22:37-38, I Cor. 13:13
- IV. Why Him?**
 Mt. 22:37, I Jn 4:19, Jn 3:16, Rom. 5:8, I Jn 4:7-8, Js 1:17
- V. Why Us?**
 Eph. 1:4-5, Jn 1:11-12, Rom. 8:17, Gal. 3:26-27
 2 Pet. 1:4

The Spiritual Man

Read Galatians 5:16-17. Let's talk about the man that walks after the Spirit this evening. What might we expect him to be?

I. _____ To _____

Js 4:7, Lk 6:46, Gal 5:16, Eph 3:5, Jn 16:13, Ps 119:105, 1 Pet 2:2

1 Sam 3:10, Gen 6:22, Ex 40:16, Eccl 12:13

II. Resists The _____

Js 4:7, 1 Pet 5:8, Lk 22:31ff, Eph 4:26ff, Matt 4:3, 2 Cor 2:11

1 Cor 10:13, 1 Jn 2:15-17

III. Draws _____ To _____

Js 4:8, Ps 73:28, Heb 11:6, Matt 22:37, Eph 1:4-5, Heb 10:22

Matt 6:6, Ps 73:25; 42:1

IV. Cleanses His _____

Js 4:8, Matt 1:21, Ps 119:9, 2 Cor 7:1, Gal 5:19-21, 1 Cor 6:9-11

1 Jn 2:15-17, Js 4:4

V. Purifies His _____

Js 4:8, Matt 6:21; 23:26; 6:24, Js 1:8, Matt 5:8

VI. Turns _____ Into Mourning

Js 4:9, Rom 3:23,10;6:23, Heb 9:22, 2 Cor 7:10, Matt 5:4, Amos 6:1

Is 53:5-6, 1 Cor 11:26,30, Eph 1:7

VII. _____ Himself Before God

Js 4:10, Prov 6:16-17;16:18;8:13

1 Pet 5:6, Micah 6:8

A True Love Story

His love for her is one that has inspired both writer and poet, song and sonnet. The true story of a man that loved his bride more than life itself, more than any earthly treasure. Even, it seems, more than she loved him. It was clear to most that she did not deserve his love or such devotion. To the same crowd, she appeared a common one, but he spoke of her as one set apart, a beautiful city on a hill for all to see. He spoke to thousands about the attributes of his beloved. He told them that everyone should know her and that she is a blessing to all acquainted with her. He spoke of her as though he knew her so intimately. "Such a great treasure," he would say. "Be prepared for our wedding," he would admonish, though no one had ever seen her. There were many who liked hearing about his bride, yet others did not. For envy and jealousy the bridegroom was taken. He was savagely beaten and died a gruesome death. Throughout his painful demise he spoke of her. He loved her and for his great love, he died.

This allegorical depiction of Christ, the Bridegroom, and the church as the bride highlights a very sacrificial love. It is a literary device that is used several times in the New Testament. On one occasion, John the baptizer mentioned Christ as a bridegroom and himself as a friend of the bridegroom (John 3:29). Jesus used this imagery twice in Matthew 9:15 and Matthew 25:1-12. These all tell of a responsibility to the Bridegroom. The Holy Spirit through the pen of Paul mentioned it again in Ephesians chapter 5. Paul, talking of the mystery concerning Christ and His church (Eph. 5:32), deepens our understanding of the relation between husband and wife.

In the short section of Ephesians 5:22-33, there are several commands. The wives are called to be in subjection to and show respect for their husbands (5:22, 33) "as to the Lord." That includes the expectation that husbands will be the head of the household and leading in spiritual matters. The command to husbands is to love "just as Christ." These three words are repeated twice, showing men how they are to love their wives. In verse 25, "Just as Christ... gave Himself for her." We are to have a sacrificial love for our wives. One that would take self out of the way and practice those things that would promote her well-being. We are also to have a love that "nourishes and cherishes...just as Christ" (5:29). This is a love that builds up and protects. It is not bound by just the physical needs but also speaks more to her spiritual needs.

As we contemplate this great love story, let us exercise diligence to graft it into our own story of love. By putting into practice those commands concerning marriage, we are given insight into the mysteries of Christ and His church.