

## ***The Bride of Christ*** ***Ephesians 5:25-32***

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...” (Ephesians 5:25)*

Christ compares the church to a bride, a symbol of a pure love. He desires that we, as Christians, would come to Him in the same way that a bride comes to her groom, *“holy and without blemish.”* Our proper response to Christ is to love Him in return for His action of love on Calvary’s cross.

### **1. Preparation (Romans 12:1-2)**

We prepare for our Heavenly Bridegroom by DAILY surrendering to the work of God in our lives.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:1-13)

Our \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 2:28)

### **2. Purity (Ezra 6:20)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 1:40-41)

\_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:8)

### **3. Patience (Romans 2:6-7)**

In \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ (II Thessalonians 3:5)

\_\_\_\_\_ all men (I Thessalonians 5:14)

In \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:12)