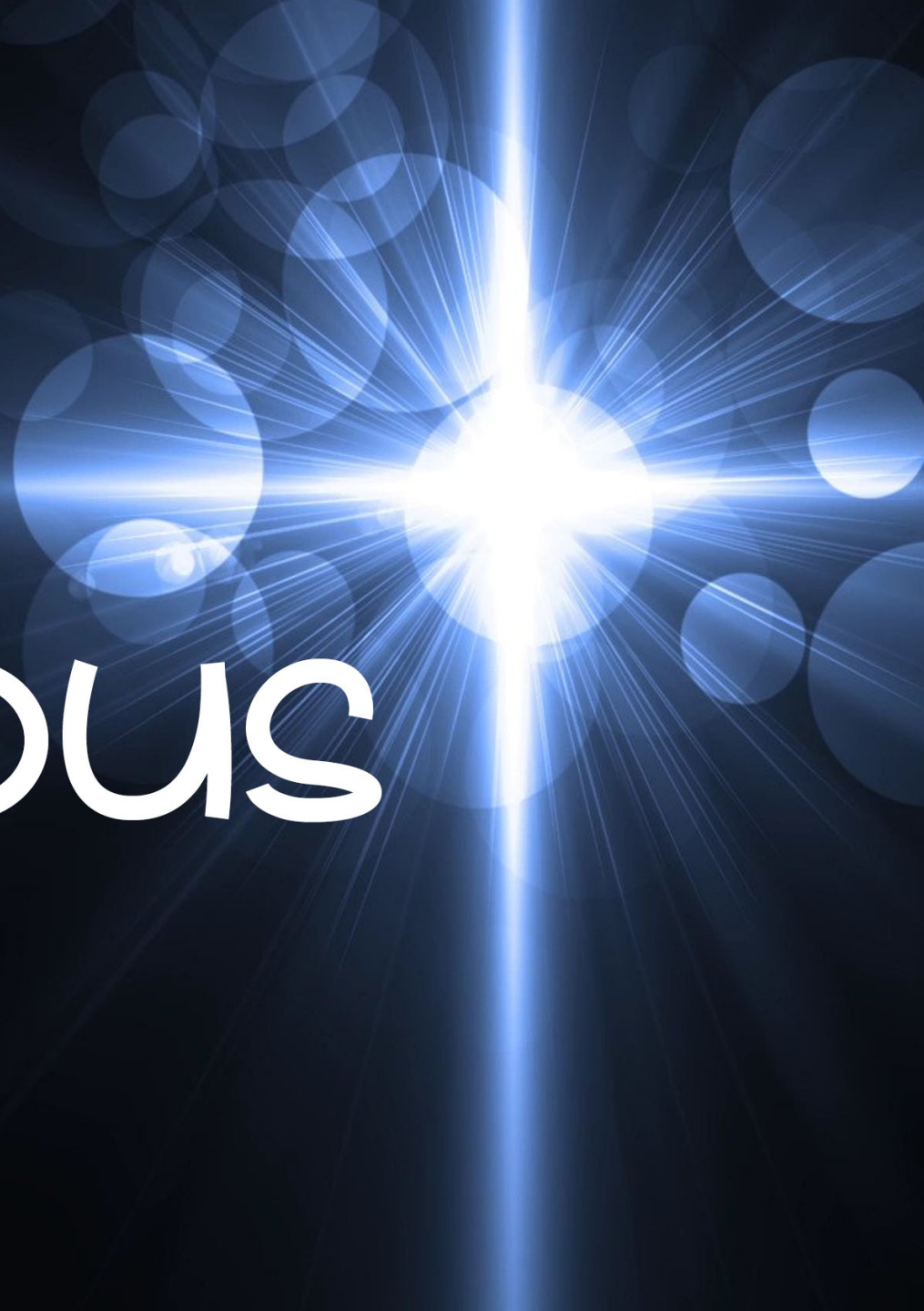


Presenting  
the GLORIOUS  
CHURCH



# Ephesians 5:24-27



**24** Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

# OUTLINE

1. Christ loved the Church (v25)
2. He gave Himself up for her (v25)
3. That He might sanctify the Church (v26)
4. To be the Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle (v27)
5. Conclusion





Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives,  
just as Christ also loved the church ...

## 1. Christ loved the Church

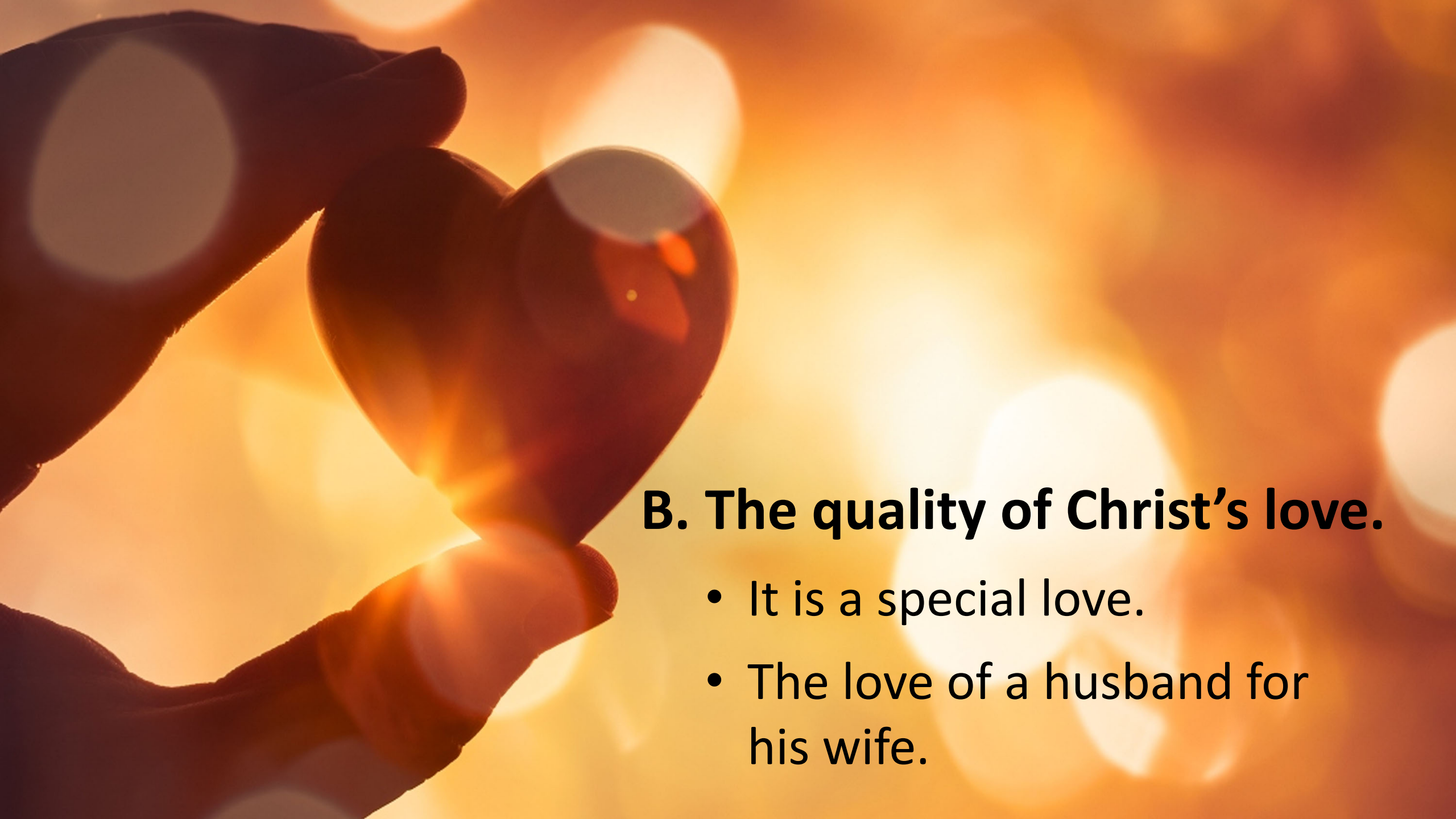
- A. Who comprises the Church?
- B. The quality of Christ's love.
- C. The essence of this love.





## **A. Who comprises the Church?**

- Sinners redeemed by Grace (you and me, the Chosen Ones)
- A church still unlovely and imperfect.



## **B. The quality of Christ's love.**

- It is a special love.
- The love of a husband for his wife.



## C. The essence of this love.

It is:

- Covenantal
- Not rights based
- Underpinned by God's Faithfulness





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

## **2. He gave Himself up for her**

- Not just a temporal sacrifice
- Not a partial sacrifice
- Not a sacrifice by proxy



## **2. He gave Himself for her**

so that He might

- cleanse the Church
- sanctify her



Ephesians 5:26 that He might sanctify  
and cleanse her with the washing of  
water by the word ...

### 3. That He might sanctify the Church

- Through the washing of  
water by the Word





**John 15:3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

**Acts 20:32** So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**John 17:17** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.





**Ephesians 5:27** that He might present her to Himself **a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle** or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

#### **4. To be the Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle**

**Through sanctification**

- to clean out every spot
- smooth out every wrinkle
- not having “**any such thing**”
- being holy and blameless





# CONCLUSION

## - The Glorious Church

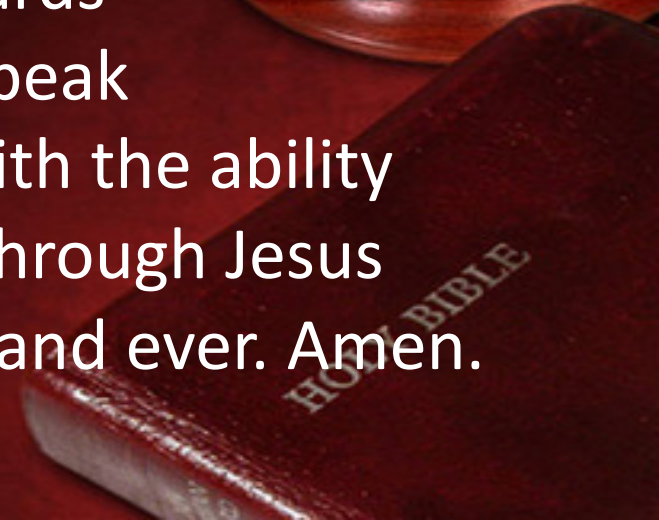
**Matthew 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



# CONCLUSION - The Glorious Church

## 1 Peter 4:7-11

**7** But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. **8** And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” **9** Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. **10** As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **11** If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.





# CONCLUSION

**The world at its worst  
need the Church  
at its best**

**CONCLUSION**

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**What is missing?**



# CONCLUSION

Back to the Christian marriage and the Christian home. There will be:

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