

**Lesson 2 – Jesus Loved and Still Loves the Church**

Key verse:

Ephesians 5:25 – “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

5 groups of people mentioned in the introduction (see pages 5-7).

1. Those that think of the church as a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Those that believe church and church membership is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Those that don't \_\_\_\_\_ church membership.
4. Those that are in church simply because they were \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.
5. Those that understand the importance and implication of \_\_\_\_\_ church membership.

Jesus' love for the church is

R\_\_\_\_\_ and t\_\_\_\_\_.

It was for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his church. Matthew 16:18

He founded the 12 apostles in love, to \_\_\_\_\_ his church. Matthew 18:17

Christ, in love, has set himself as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church. Ephesians 2:20

Christ shed his own \_\_\_\_\_ in love for the church. Acts 20:28. John 15:12-13.

1. Jesus loves the church \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 1:4.
2. Jesus loves the church \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 9:51. Isaiah 50:7.
3. Jesus loves the church \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 5:8. Ephesians 2:3
4. Jesus loves the church \_\_\_\_\_. Hebrews 10:9-10. Isaiah 40:7-8. Matthew 8:20.
5. Jesus loves the church \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 22:14-23.
6. Jesus loves the church \_\_\_\_\_. Ephesians 5:25.
7. Jesus loves the church \_\_\_\_\_. Revelation 7:9-17.

There are several specifics in how Jesus still loves the church.

- a. Cherishes and adores
- b. Nourishes and feeds
- c. Protects and defends
- d. Purifies and makes holy
- e. Prays and intercedes
- f. Is the head of the church
- g. Is among his church
- h. Gives pastors for his church
- i. Speaks through his pastors preaching the word to the church.
- j. Interacts and teaches his church with.
  - i. Plain directives
  - ii. Fearful warnings
  - iii. Exhilarating promises

If Christ loves the church, shouldn't we love the church too?