

Christ Loves His Church

Text: Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Seven Evidences of Christ's Love:

1. Christ Feeds and Cares For His Church
2. Christ Strengthens the Inner Man
3. Christ Helps His Church When They Are Tempted
4. Christ Gives His Church Mercy and Grace When They Are in Need
5. Jesus Gives Rest to Those Who Are in His Church
6. Jesus' Love for His Church is to be Seen in His Church by How They Love One Another
7. Christ Knows Exactly What's Going on in His Church and He Will Deal With It

Point #1: Christ Feeds and Cares For His Church

Ephesians 5:29

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Point #2: Christ Strengthens the Inner Man

Ephesians 3:16-21

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; **17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **19** And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. **20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, **21** Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Point #3: Christ Helps His Church When They Are Tempted

Hebrews 2:17-18

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; **17** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. **18** For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

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Point #4: Christ Gives His Church Mercy and Grace When They Are in Need

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Point #5: Jesus Gives Rest to Those Who Are in His Church

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Point #6: Jesus' Love for His Church is to be Seen in His Church by How They Love One Another

I John 3:10-11

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Point #7: Christ Knows Exactly What's Going on in His Church and He Will Deal With It

Revelation 2:2

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

Revelation 2:13

I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17
2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6
3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3
4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33
5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16
6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10