TEXT: Ephesians 5: 22-33 TITLE: Focusing on the Christ (The Reflection of Christ – Pt. 1c The Individual Reflection in our Relationships)

INTRODUCTION

- * FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... The Shadow of Christ, The Life of Christ, The Return of Christ, The Reign of Christ ... The Reflection of Christ
- * What we say, and how we live, is a reflection of Who, or what, is residing and reigning in our heart!
- * The Reflection is seen in: Our Speech (Luke 6: 43-46); Our Finances (Matthew 6:19-24) ... Our Relationships!
- * Last week we began looking at the primary relationship the marital relationship by considering the wife's reflection of Christ in her submission to her husband.
- * Today, we turn to the husband's reflection of Christ in his relationship to his wife.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE WIFE'S REFLECTION

II. THE HUSBAND'S REFLECTION

- A. As ______ (v. 25-27) 1. HIS LOVE WAS ______ (cf. I John 4:18-19)
 - 2. HIS LOVE WAS _____ (cf. John 13:1; 15:13; Phil 2:3-8; Col 3:19)
 - 3. HIS LOVE WAS _____
 - a. He Desires Her S_____ (v. 26-27)
 - b. He Desires Her U_____ (cf. John 17:1-21)

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

B. As ______ (v. 28-32)

1. IT IS N_____AL (v. 28-29a)

2. IT IS S_____AL (v. 29b-32)

INTROSPECTION

* HUSBANDS, DOES YOUR WIFE HAVE A HARD TIME WITH SUBMISSION?

ARE YOU LOVING HER LIKE CHRIST LOVES US?

* HOW IMPORTANT TO YOU IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUR WIFE?

* WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE IN ORDER TO MEET THOSE NEEDS?