

John 5:22-31 - Love the Church - let that sink in -
 Scorn, critical, ignore, dying - but love it, the the
imperfect we would proclaim its imperfections - no matter how
 bad it was, worse when Jesus loved it & gave himself for it -
20 by closest human tie - marriage - two become one
love it - even not me - - - etc -

→ this is to be the pattern, attitude toward church - The
 more I love it & give myself for it, the more like
 X & become

"From heaven he came & sought her,
 to be his holy bride,
 by his own blood he bought her,
 & for her life he died."

Husband
 wife
 take
 it over

X's love for church shown by

I - His Dying for the Church - "gave himself for it."

- 1- this immediately lifts church above every other organization
- 2- not sinners - Church that there might be a
 body, assembly like this X died not merely to save individuals
 from hell, but to create a fellowship in
 heaven
- 3- different backgrounds, etc bound together by a common
 bond.
- 4- Places price tag on church - D's investment - bankruptcy
 heaven
- 5- To neglect, cutting is to frustrate the cross

II - His Devotion to the Church in Apocalypse

Safety - Protects = servant of the body - Jerusalem, Reve AD361 -
 "Put out X says - "where is your carpenter D now?"
 "Building a coffin for your engineer" 363 died in Battle of
 one of most famous incidents of history "I, Galilee, than hast
 conquered."
 "where are kings & emperors now,
 of old that went & came?
 But, Lord, my church is meeting yet,
 a 1,000 years for same."

Prizes it = most
 valuable possession

9. Provides - nourisheth & cherish = to train &
 to warm

III - His Design, Desire for the Church - 26, 27

1- D has given his best, all for the church - invested in it -
 D has highest desire for church.

- 1- cleanse it.
- 2- consecrate it - holy: different, set apart for D's use
- 3- Crown it glory, splendor - Perfect Army day
 teaches the future of church only glorious - not defeat, decline
 or denigration - but glory

IV His Demand = Leave
cleanse