

LOVING WHAT **HE** LOVES MOST





HELLO!

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Luke 10:27 ‘He answered, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind...’



2 Cor 11:2 For I feel a divine
jealousy for you, since I betrothed
you to one husband, to present you
as a pure virgin to Christ.



Col 1: 18 And He is the head of
the body, the church...

1 Cor 12:27 Now you are the
body of Christ, and each one of
you is a part of it.



Quick definition of Church

Jesus and His Church

- No greater example of intimacy than ‘bride’ and ‘body’
- Christ considers the Church as an actual intimate part of Himself!

You know you love the church, when you have His burden for the church.



Zeph 3:18 I will gather them that
are sorrowful for the solemn
assembly, who are of you, to
whom the reproach of it was a
burden.

Identity = Ownership

- A real understanding of our identity would lead to taking ownership of the church
 - Bearing its shame
 - Grieving for its losses
 - Weeping before God for its holiness
- This skyrockets your intimacy with God!

Loving His Church

- Identifying with the Church at arms length?
- Speaking of it as if it's not our own?
- Criticize it without personally accepting the burden of its brokenness?
- Feeling that your intimacy with God is just not as amazing as what you would want?

Reflect and evaluate

- What is your attitude towards His bride and body today?
- How are you personally positioning yourself towards the local Church?
- Let's align our hearts today and repent of inappropriate attitudes and positioning.