Husbands and Wives: Together at the Cross

Lesson 10, 1st Quarter, Sabbath Afternoon, September 1, 2025

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Memory Text:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. KJV – Ephesians 5:25-27

To defeat the Enemy and maintain unity and harmony, let every believer cease finding fault with his fellow-men. Let him cease to criticize, condemn, and judge. Let him cease even suspicion of evil, and let the difference between right and wrong, bear back his soul with redoubled intensity to the cross of Calvary. Let him pray and say nothing he would not like them to do or say to him. – Ellen G. White

Let each realize, as did Paul, that celestial—the Heavenly Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit—is ever at work in his behalf. – Ellen G. White

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And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Sunday, August 31

Counsel to Christian Wives

What does Paul mean by exhorting church members to submit to each other? Here we see the principle of mutual submission. – Ellen G. White

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Thus, just as binding and sacred as the husband's responsibility is toward his wife, the wife's responsibility does not church. Whenever she loves him, he cannot help but cherish the wife of his bosom.

Thus, while the church is duty-bound to respect and obey the Lord, the wife is duty-bound to respect her husband, and the husband is duty-bound to love and care for his wife, just as Christ loves and cares for