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Scripture Text: Ephesians 3:14-21 NLT

Subject: "No Greater Love"

Introduction: In the gospel according to John, the Bible deals with seven relationships that Christ is portrayed or pictured having with the people of God.

In the scriptures Christ is seen as:

- The Good Shepherd
- The True Vine
- The Chief Cornerstone
- The Great High Priest
- The Last Adam
- The Head of the Church
- The Bridegroom

I challenge you this morning with the thought that when we come to understand the relationship of Christ as the Bridegroom and the Church as the bride of Christ, we will come to appreciate the love of God for His people.

God doesn't love us because He feels sorry for us – He loves us because we are His creation, His workmanship. He loves us because we are created in His likeness and in His image.

John, who is often referenced as the disciple whom Jesus loved, summed it best when he wrote in First John: "...God is love."

Sermon Points

Major Moment: The love of God is the underlying principle in all that He has done – is doing – and is going to do.

- **The Approach To Prayer**
 - Ephesians 3:16-17a
 - Luke 18:1
 - James 5:16b
- **The Appeals In Prayer**
 - Ephesians 3:17b-19
 - Ephesians 6:12
 - John 15:13
- **The Ascription Of Praise**
 - Ephesians 3:20-21

Summary Verse: "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us."

Romans 8:37