Series: Fall In Love

<u>Title</u>: Fall In Love with Your Companion:

Text: (Eph 5:21-31)

"The Love Bank"-Explain the deposits & Withdrawls.

"Love Busters" -

- (1) Angry outbursts, (2) Disrespectful judgments,
- (3) Annoying behavior, (4) Selfish demands, (5) Dishonesty.

This is the classic text on love in a marriage: (Eph 5:21-33)

I. WE SEE A COMMANDED LOVE! (Eph 5:25)

God is commanding that your Love Bank be in the positive, not in the negative balance.

A. THE NATURE OF THIS LOVE.

- **1. Romantic Love** as what we experience when someone meets our needs.
- **2.** Caring Love effort to meet someone else's needs.

II. WE SEE A COMPARED LOVE! (Eph 5:25)

Love in marriage compared to love of Christ for the Church.

- A. IT WAS A STATED LOVE.
- B. IT WAS A SHOWN LOVE: (Eph 5:25) Gave Himself

III. WE SEE A CONTRIBUTIVE LOVE: (Eph 5:28-29)

- A. A Healthy Marriage: "nourisheth" feeds, builds
- **B.** A Happy Marriage: "cherisheth" esteems above all.