A Spirit filled love (v. 18)

It starts with being filled with the Spirit...

...which leads to a forsaking of the flesh...

...that will produce the love of the fruit of the Spirit...

A submissive love (v. 21)

A wife submits to a husband by honoring his spiritual authority over her.

A husband submits to a wife by humbly loving her above all others on this earth including himself.

A submissive love (v. 21)

Christ's example of submission

- In His absolute authority He was most often submissive, husbands do likewise
- Christ submitted to the will of the Father so that His bride could be reconciled, husbands do likewise

James 4:7-10

Christ humbled himself, husbands do likewise
 Philippians 2:1-8

A submissive love (v. 21)

Christ's example of service

- Jesus stressed services in leadership (Matthew 20:20-28)
- Jesus demonstrated this service in feet washing
 John 13:1-17

A supernatural love (v. 25)

"As Christ loved the church"

- Christ is full of grace towards His bride (Ephesians 2:5)
- Christ is full of mercy towards His bride (Titus 3:5)
- Christ's love for His bride can not be diminished or extinguished (Romans 8:31-39)
- Christ's love for His bride is all encompassing and indestructible (1 Corinthian 13:4-8a)