



Knowing God
in
Marriage

I. What is Marriage?

II. Are all Marriages or Unions Equal?

III. What is the Purpose of Marriage?

**A. God's Plan for Marriage is to
Reflect His Image.**

Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:23 (ESV)

23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

**The plurality and unity of marriage reflects the
Triune Nature of the Godhead.**

Jesus - God eternally manifesting Himself in the form of man revealing the plurality and unity of the Godhead.

Philippians 2:5–8 (ESV)

5Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in

Christ Jesus,

6who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

8And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Even though Jesus and God are One, He submits
in everything to the Father.**

John 5:19–20 (ESV)

19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.

The Holy Spirit of God revealed His relationship through obedience to both the Father and the Son.

John 14:26 (ESV)

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

The marriage relationship is intended to reveal the plurality and unity of the Godhead through the union and relationship of a man and woman.

1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

3But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

For the enemy to invalidate God he has to invalidate the very earthly relationship that reflects His image - the Godly family.

Ephesians 5:21–24 (NIV)

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands
as you do to the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ
is the head of the church, his body, of which he is
the Savior.

24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also
wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:25–28 (NIV)

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,
27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:28–33 (NIV)

28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—

30 for we are members of his body.

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

Ephesians 5:31–33 (NIV)

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

**The Fullness of the Grace of the God is
Revealed in Marriage**

1 Peter 3:1–3 (NIV)

1 Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.

1 Peter 3:4–6 (NIV)

4Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

5For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, 6like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**IV. How do We Make a Marriage
Function as the Godhead?**



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