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- **“And masters, treat your slaves...” (9)**

Difficult Interpretations – Clarity

- “He is the Savior of the body.” (23)
- “Washing of water by the word” (26)
- “This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church.” (32)

Issues in Modern Marriage

- **Traditional vs. Biblical**
- **Roles & Responsibilities vs. Stereotypes**
- **Egalitarian vs Complementary**

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- 21 Times – Lord, Christ, Savior, Himself, He, God, Him, & Master

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**²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord,
²³because the husband is the head of the wife as
Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of
the body. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so
also wives are to submit to their husbands in
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²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.

²⁷He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless.

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²⁸In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰since we are members of his body.

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³¹For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. ³²This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.



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6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. **2** Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, **3** so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. **4** Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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⁵Slaves, obey your human masters with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as you would Christ. ⁶Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, do God's will from your heart. ⁷Serve with a good attitude, as to the Lord and not to people, ⁸knowing that whatever good each one does, slave or free, he will receive this back from the Lord.

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⁹And masters, treat your slaves the same way, without threatening them, because you know that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

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Ephesians 5:20–21

**²⁰giving thanks always for everything to
God the Father in the name of our Lord
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in the fear of Christ.**

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- Christ provides and cares for the church (29)

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Holy Spirit

Husband

Wife

Mystery — Back to the Future

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¹⁵The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”

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¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him.”

¹⁹The Lord God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

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²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found corresponding to him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. ²²Then the Lord God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:15–25

²³And the man said:

This one, at last, is bone of my bone
and flesh of my flesh;
this one will be called “woman,”
for she was taken from man.

²⁴This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame.

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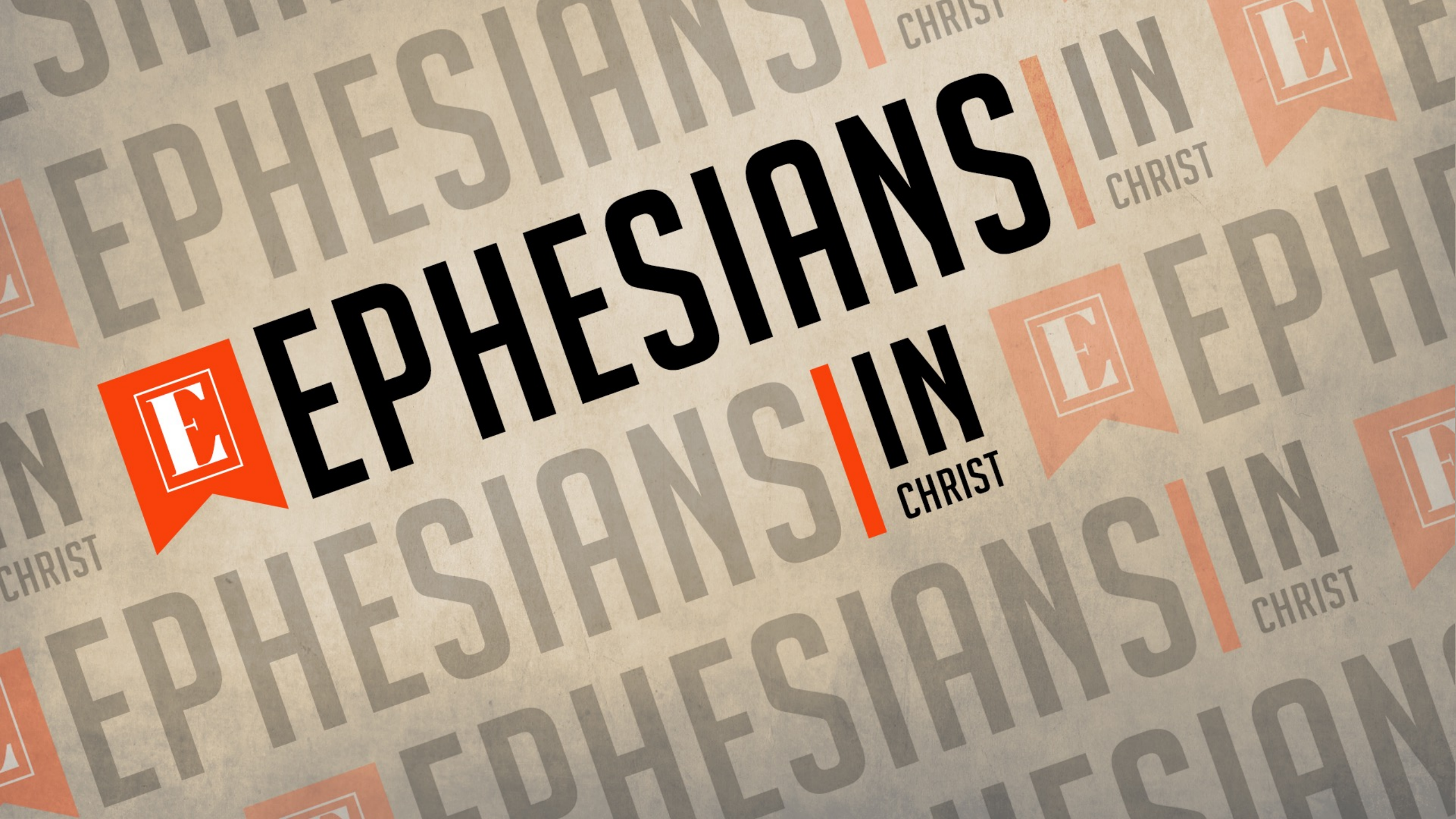
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Radical Teaching #4

**Marriage was ordained by God to teach us about the
relationship of Christ to the Church!**

This mysterious truth divinely revealed to Paul explains, at least to some degree, why God is so concerned about the structure of your marriage, the love in your marriage, the mutual submission in your marriage, and the leadership in your marriage.

Honoring Christ, Loving Christ, Serving Christ, is the “Mission of Your Marriage”!



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