

# **A GODLY MARRIAGE**

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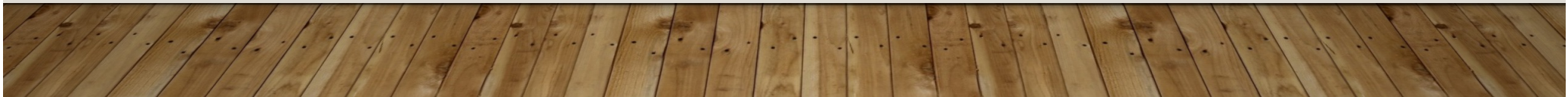
EPHESIANS 5:31-33





# INTRODUCTION

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## **THE WEDDING SONG**

A man shall leave his mother and a woman leave her home  
And they shall travel on to where the two shall be as one.  
As it was in the beginning is now and til the end  
Woman draws her life from man and gives it back again.  
And there is Love, there is Love.

## **REVIEW**

Eph. 5:22-30 Wives willingly placing themselves in a position or rank to their husbands; as the Church to Christ

Husbands loving their wives as Christ loved the Church: Sacrificial; Purifying; Flawless and Tender Love

Therefore . . . .

**EPHESIANS 5:31-33**

# **A GODLY MARRIAGE**

## **I. Basis of a godly Marriage**

Ephesians 5:31

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”*

# **1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

## **A. Marriage is God's Work**

### **1) Marriage was God's Design**

- It was God's design in creation. Gen. 1:27-28
- God declared man's solitude was not good.  
Gen. 2:18
- God made woman from man. Gen. 2:21-22

# **1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

**A.** Marriage is God's Work

**2)** God gave away the first bride

- God brought woman to man. Gen. 2:22

# **1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

## **A.** Marriage is God's Work

### **3)** God spoke the design of marriage into existence

- Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning and made them male and female, and said . . . Matt. 9:4-6



# 1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE

## A. Marriage is God's Work

### 4) God performs the "one flesh" union

- It is God who ordains and performs the uniting
- ... *the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. What God has joined together, let not man separate.*

Matt. 19:5-6

# **1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

## **B. Man's responsibilities in a Marriage**

### **1) Leaving Past Relationships**

- a) Mother and Father**
- b) Family and Friends**
- c) Practical considerations for “Leaving”**

# **WHAT IS INVOLVED IN “LEAVING”**

Gen. 2:24

*Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife.*

1) Leave Home Physically

# **WHAT IS INVOLVED IN “LEAVING”**

- 2) Leave Home Relationally
  - New priorities
  - Spouse is new #1  
(Not Mom and/or Dad)

# **WHAT IS INVOLVED IN “LEAVING”**

## **3) Leave Home Emotionally**

- First person to express feelings to is your spouse

Parents do not “trump” spouse

# **WHAT IS INVOLVED IN “LEAVING”**

4) Leave Home Financially

# **WHAT IS INVOLVED IN “LEAVING”**

## **5)** Leave Home Spiritually

- Being raised in a Christian Home does not make you a Christian
- Only personal faith in Jesus saves you

# **1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

## **B.** Man's responsibilities in a Marriage

### **2)** Cleaving to your Spouse – “Hold fast”

- a)** Deep Attachment – A strong, enduring bond
- b)** A covenant of unwavering devotion with loyalty to your spouse taking precedence over all other relationships.



# **1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

## **B. Man's responsibilities in a Marriage**

### **3) Weaving (become one flesh)**

**a)** Intentional effort of building a shared intertwined life together

**b)** Examples of Oneness

# **1. BASIS OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

## Oneness

### Physical Oneness

- a) Sexual Intimacy
- b) Shared physical life and presence

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### Emotional Oneness

A deep emotional connection where husband and wife understand and support each other's feelings and needs

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### Mental Oneness

A shared perspective, mutual respect for each other's thoughts and ideas, and a unified vision for their life together

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### Spiritual Oneness

A shared faith and purpose, aligning their lives with God's will and supporting each other's spiritual growth

## **2. THE PROFOUND MYSTERY OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

### **A. Definition of “Mystery”**

#### **1) Earlier Examples**

**a)** Mystery of His Will Eph. 1:9

**b)** Mystery of Christ Eph. 3:4-6

#### **2) Existing truth not previously revealed**

## **2. THE PROFOUND MYSTERY OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

### **B.** Revelation of the Mystery of Marriage

- 1)** Christ and the Church Eph. 5:32
- 2)** Heavenly Marriage Ceremony Rev. 19:7-9

## **2. THE PROFOUND MYSTERY OF A GODLY MARRIAGE**

- C.** Application of the Revelation of the Mystery of a Godly Marriage
  - 1)** How does our marriage picture Christ's relationship with the Church?



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- C.** Application of the Revelation of the Mystery of a Godly Marriage
  - 2)** How does our relationship with Christ align with the elements of a godly marriage?

# **BEING ONE WITH CHRIST**

- 1) Choose Christ to be first in your life
- 2) Know and Obey His Word
- 3) Commune with Him often through Prayer
- 4) Allow the Holy Spirit to Guide your actions to be more like Christ

## **BEING ONE WITH CHRIST**

*The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

John 17:22-23

### **3. COMMANDS FOR A GODLY MARRIAGE**

#### **A.** Husbands love

However, each man among you [without exception] is to love his wife as his very own self [with behavior worthy of respect and esteem, always seeking the best for her with an attitude of lovingkindness]. Eph. 5:33(a) AMP

### **3. COMMANDS FOR A GODLY MARRIAGE**

#### **B.** Wives respect

And the wife [must see to it] that she respects and delights in her husband [that she notices him and prefers him and treats him with loving concern, treasuring him, honoring him, and holding him dear]. Eph. 5:33(b) AMP

### 3. COMMANDS FOR A GODLY MARRIAGE

- C. Practical Ways to Show Love and Respect
  - 1. **Give** preference to one another (Romans 12:10)
  - 2. **Build** up one another (Romans 14:19)
  - 3. **Accept** one another (Romans 15:7)
  - 4. **Care** for one another (1 Cor. 12:25)
  - 5. **Serve** one another (Galatians 5:13)

### **3. COMMANDS FOR A GODLY MARRIAGE**

- C.** Practical Ways to Show Love and Respect
  - 6.** Bear one another's burden (Galatians 6:2)
  - 7.** Be kind, tender-hearted and forgiving with others (Eph. 4:32)
  - 8.** Regard others as more important (Phil. 2:3)
  - 9.** Bear with and forgive complaints against others (Col. 3:13)
  - 10.** Encourage and esteem one another (1 Thes. 5:11-14)

# APPLICATION

Be intentional about your Marriage

- 1) Put other relationships in their place and make your spouse your #1 priority – **Leaving**
- 2) Make a covenant with your spouse that you will be together for life – **Cleaving**
- 3) Work each day to build a shared intertwined life together – **Weaving**



# APPLICATION

Be intentional about your relationship with Christ

- 1) Truly **repent** from your past sin and self-centeredness, and **turn** to trust in Christ alone
- 2) Purposefully **commit** to stay close to Christ, **prioritize** Him above all else
- 3) **Grow** in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ, to become more like Him each day

# **CONCLUSION**

What picture does your marriage paint concerning Christ's relationship to the Church?

- Love and Respect your Spouse
- Love and Serve your Savior