
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.”

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.

Philippians 2:5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lenses through which we build a marriage

Reflect the love of Christ, uniquely as gendered people,

Gender relational roles reveal the wonder of the gospel.

Gender relational roles reveal something about how God related to us, and how we are to relate to Him.

Reflect the wonder of God’s character and love for mankind, through gender and oneness.

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Out of I-ness, Into We-ness

Ephesians 5:21-32

October 19, 2025

Ephesians review:

Eph. 1: God chose, redeemed, sealed and empowers you.

Eph. 2: Man’s predicament, But God saved you... even us!

Eph. 3: God uniting people, people knowing God, people loving people.

Eph. 4: Usness, Usness Serving, Old Usness, New Usness

Eph. 5: Out of darkness into light; Out of foolishness, into wisdom: Out of I-ness, into We-ness (marriage)

God ordained marriage

Purposes and design of marriage

Genesis 2:18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib^x he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

Purpose #1: Deepest connection.

Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and **be united** to his wife, and they will become **one flesh**. ²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Purpose #2: Permanence

Genesis 2:24 **For this reason a man will leave his father and mother** and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

- Matthew 19:6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

Purpose #3: Security

Matthew 19:7 “Why then did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?”

- ⁸ Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. ⁹ I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

Purpose #4: Marriage as covenant.

- Malachi 2:14 You ask, “Why?” It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because **you have broken faith with her**, though she is your partner, the wife of **your marriage covenant**.

Purpose #5: Social mandate; tame and propagate the earth

- Genesis 2:28 God blessed them and said to them, “**Be fruitful and increase in number**; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Purpose #6: Complimentary gender

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female he created them**.

- Genesis 2:28 God blessed them and said to them, “**Be fruitful and increase in number**; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 2:24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The Christ and the church metaphor

Perspective on marriage

In Ephesians 5:21-33 we have the:

Purposes of marriage, (It is not first about me!)

Picture of marriage (Christ and the church, His bride)

- **Perspective** on marriage: first reflecting Christ to my spouse

Principles of marriage (relational roles of husband and wife)

Ephesians 5:21 **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.

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,