

**The Radical Implications of a  
Christian Marriage**



**God's Design for Marriage- Ephesians 5:21-31**

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup>and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

<sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—<sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

## I. The Foundation of Christian Marriage

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21

"... be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:18-21

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16,17

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**What is the gospel?** *It tells you you're a lot worse than you know and you're much more loved than you think.*

**The Foundation Of Christian Marriage:** If two Spirit-filled people get married, the wife should grant the husband leadership in the marriage, and then the husband, responds by taking up Jesus' model of leadership.

**Which is what?** Go back and look at verses 25 & 28

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ ... gave himself up for her ... husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.

By subtraction Paul is saying, *"If your a Christian women, don't dare to marry a man unless he says to you, 'I'm willing to sacrifice my life for yours. I'm willing to die to myself to make you and our future kids my priority.*

Because that's exactly what Jesus has done for me.  
Christian marriage is nothing less than that."

## II. The Biggest Component of Your Marriage is Modeling Christ

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**A consumer relationship** is when your individual needs are more important than the relationship.

**A covenant relationship** is when the relationship is more important than your individual needs.

**Christian marriages are based upon a covenant commitment that is God's design for us in marriage.**

### iii. Christian Marriages are a Subtext to a Greater Story.

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The mystery is how God designed marriage, man and woman becoming one flesh is a picture in marriage of what Christ has done for us as His Church.

Like we join together as husband and wife so Christ joins himself together to his church.

### What is the other name for the church in scripture?

The Body of Christ.

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed (your name) with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because (I am) united with Christ.<sup>4</sup> Even before he made the world, God loved (your name) and chose (me) in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.<sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt (me) into his own family by bringing (me) to himself through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3-5