

The Gospel in Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-33



It's a beautiful night, we're looking for
something dumb to do

Hey baby, I think I wanna marry you
Is it the look in your eyes or is it this
dancing juice?

Who cares, baby, I think I wanna marry
you

I'll go get a ring, let the choir bells
sing like, ooh

So what ya wanna do? Let's just
run, girl

If we wake up and you wanna
break up, that's cool

No, I won't blame you, it was fun,
girl

Hey baby,

**I think I wanna
marry you.**





Consumer mindset

- *Personal Happiness*
- *Self-Gratification*
- *Self-Fulfillment*



- "It's a hard, painful, ugly tool," Trump said after his third marriage. "Believe me, there's nothing fun about it. But there comes a time when you have to say, 'Darling, I think you're magnificent, and I care for you deeply, but if things don't work out, this is what you're going to get.'"

***Nothing beats
the feeling
of being in love
and being
loved.*** LOVABLEQUOTE.COM





MARRIAGE



God's perfect design for our good

Takeaways (Big Ideas)

Married people need to
be Spirit-filled.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

1-3 THE GOSPEL STORY

4-6 OUR STORY

"THEREFORE"

To the Ephesians...

- You have been blessed with every spiritual blessings, redeemed by the gospel, through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace (Chap 1)
- You were recipient of God's Grace and now a part of a New Humanity (Chap 2)
- You are to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ (Chap 3:18)
- You are One Body, unified by One Spirit, Share One Hope have One Lord, One Faith One Baptism (4:3-6); Having diverse gifts to build up the church. (4:11-13)
- You are to put off the Old and put on the New Self!

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Eph 5:18-21

What does it mean to be spirit-filled?

- Paul says, “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

(Galatians 5:16)

- "You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness"

(Rom. 8:9-10).



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Pleroo*

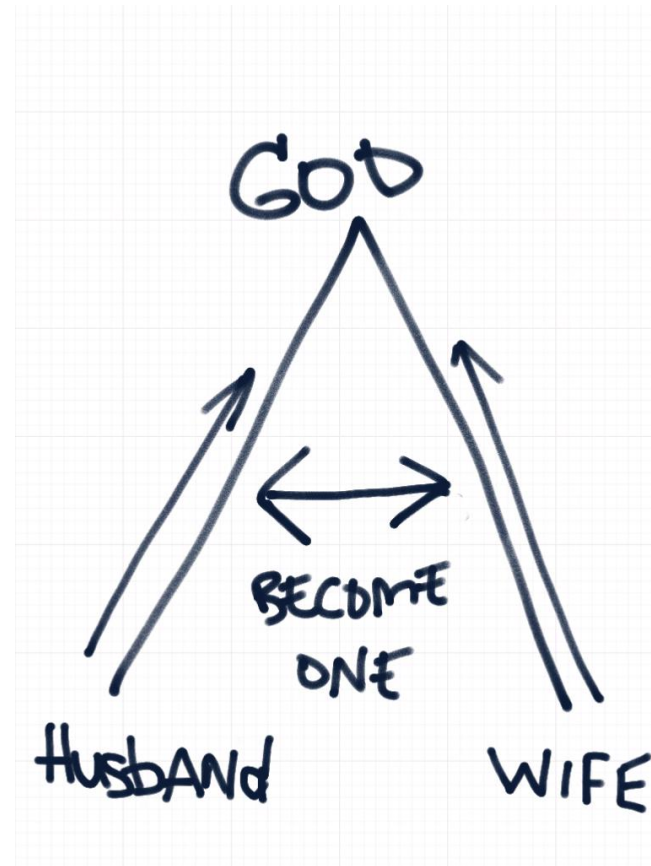
*= To be filled; or
continuously be filled*

= To permeate

= To be controlled



**A Spirit-filled
Life**



What's a spirit-filled marriage?

In the Flesh

- I rely on my spouse for happiness
- My will be done
- He/She needs to change
- I live for myself

In The Spirit

- I rely on Jesus for happiness and holiness
- God's will be done
- God, please mold me
- I live for my spouse

Takeaways (Big Ideas)

Married people need to be Spirit-filled.

Marriage is to Image Christ and His Church

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 [\[b\]](#) 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. 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. (Eph 5:21-33)

Marriage A profound Mystery

Matthew 13:11

“He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.” (NKJV)

1Cor 2:7-8

No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Marriage is not only for...

Procreation

Partnership

Pleasure

But

Proclamation of the Gospel!

Adam & Eve (Marriage)

- ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united (cleave or host fast) to his wife, and they become one flesh.
- ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

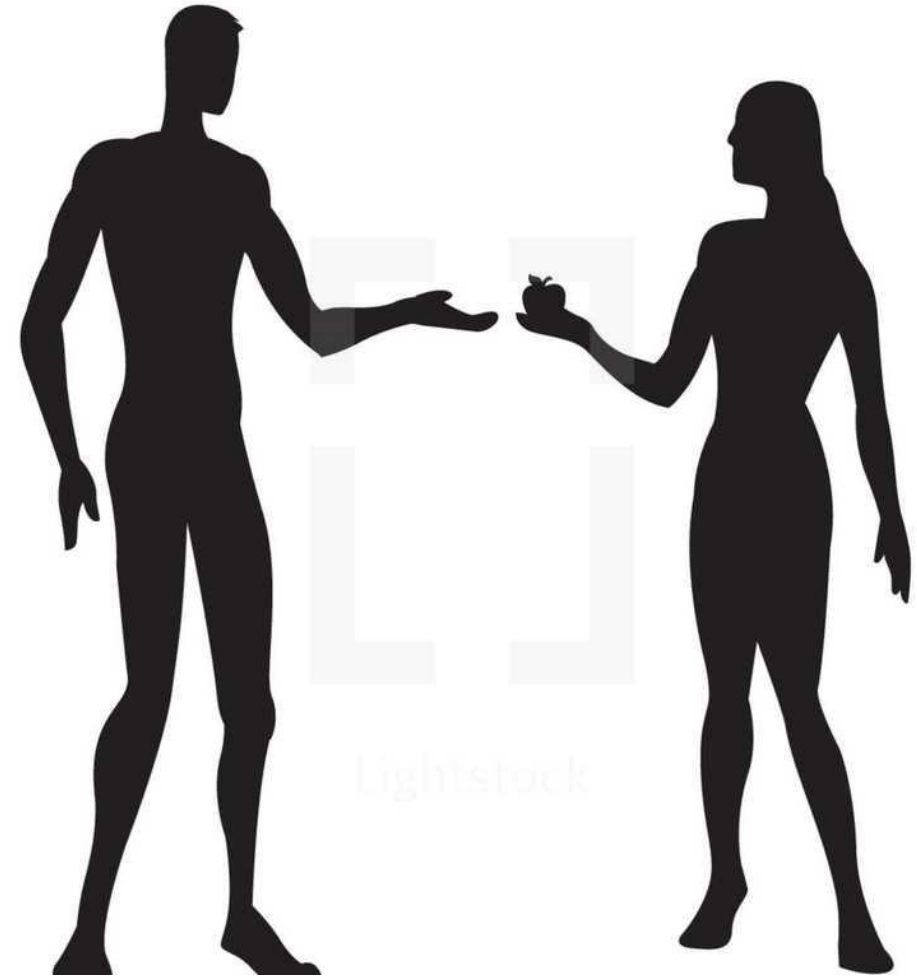
Genesis 2:24-25

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

Matthew 19:6

- ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is **one** with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is **one with him in spirit.**

1 Cor 6:16,17



Christ & His Church

“Ye shall walk after the LORD your God,
and fear him, and keep his
commandments, and obey his voice,
and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto
him”

(Deuteronomy 13:4 KJV).

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one with him in spirit.

1 Cor 6:17

There is one body and one Spirit, just as
you were called to one hope when you
were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one
baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

Eph 4:4-5

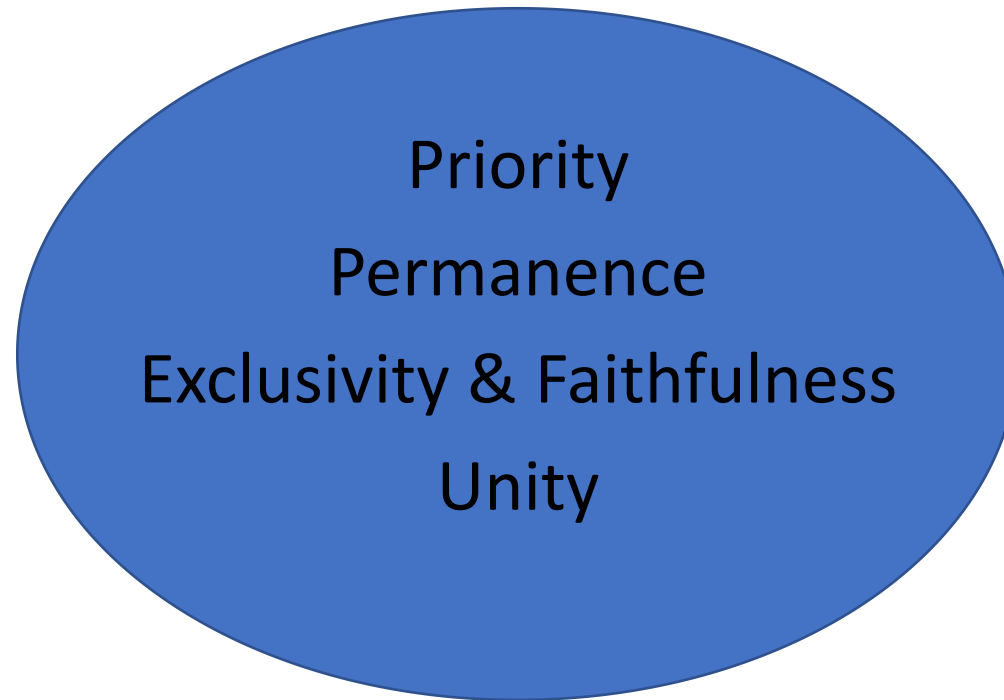


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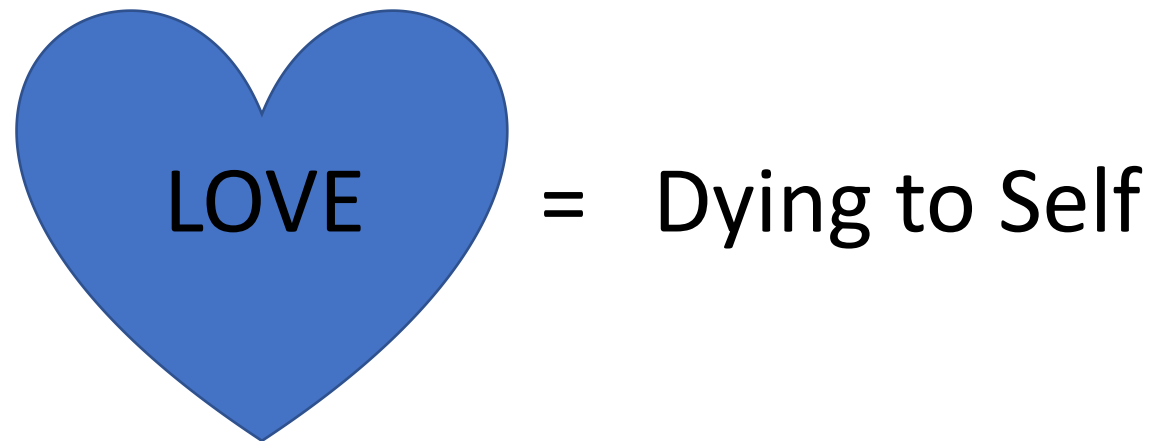
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COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

The Gospel Story:

- A Man leaving His Heavenly Father
- He goes to seek out a Bride
- Paid the bride price with His blood
- To become One with the Bride



Marriage Pictures in OT

Jeremiah 3:14

“Return, faithless people,” declares the LORD, “**for I am your husband**. I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion. ¹⁵ Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.

Isaiah 54:5-7

For your Maker is **your husband**, the LORD Almighty is his name - the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer;

he is called the God of all the earth.

⁶ The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit - **a wife** who married young,

only to be rejected,” says your God.

⁷ “For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.

Marriage Pictures in NT

John 3:28,29

You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. ³⁰ He must become greater; I must become less."

Matthew 9:15

And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

2 Cor 11:2

² I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him

- ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

- “Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”



Man is to Image God.

Marriage is to image
Christ & His church.



Takeaways (Big Ideas)

Married people need to be Spirit-filled.

Marriage is to Image Christ and His Church

Marriage has distinctive God-honoring roles

The effects of the Fall

Genesis 3:16

Your desire will be for your husband



and he will rule over you.



Ephesians 5:21

Submit to your husband....

Love your wife....

Wife Submission is **NOT**...

- Not Inferior (There's neither Greek or Jew, male or female)
- Not to all men, only your husband
- Does not mean you cannot have an opinion
- Condoning sin (Acts 5:29)

Asia

'Talk like Doraemon': Malaysian ministry issues tips for wives during COVID-19 movement control order



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Submitting is

- To Respect

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” (Eph 5:33)

- To Love

“older women are to train the younger women “to love their husbands.” (Titus 2:4)

- To Empower

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



Masculinity?



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Husband's Role

- LEAD
 - Initiative
 - Accountability
- LOVE
 - Sacrificial (Dying to Self)
 - Sanctifying
 - Service-oriented



Painful Realities

- What if your husband doesn't lead the way he's supposed to?
- Or your wife is not submissive as she should be?
- 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.
- 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. (1 Peter 3:1,2 & 7)

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Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:7

