

The Christian Marriage

“And that **He** might **Reconcile** them both to **GOD** in **One Body** through The Cross.....!” (Eph 2:16b)

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Christian Marriage and The MYSTERY of The Church Jesus Christ Is Building

In a World where everyone likes to Focus on their Differences, the Bible tells us that **GOD, THROUGH THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST**, can even **Reconcile** the Jewish and Gentile Peoples, @ war on this Earth.

Today the World looks on and Asks, How? **Through The Cross!**

Let's Look Into THE MYSTERY! Ephesians 5:22 “**Wives, understand and support your (Own) husbands in ways that show your support for Christ.**”²³ The husband provides leadership to his wife **the way Christ does to his church**, not by domineering but **by cherishing.**²⁴ So just as the church submits to **Christ as he exercises such leadership**, wives should likewise submit to their husbands.

²⁵ **Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love**

marked by giving, not getting.²⁶ **Christ's love makes the church whole.** His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her,²⁷ dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness.²⁸ And that is how husbands ought to **love** their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already “one” in marriage.

²⁹ No one abuses his own body, does he? No, he feeds and pampers it. That's how **Christ treats us, the church,**³⁰ since we are part of **his body.**

³¹ **And this is why a man leaves father and mother and cherishes his wife. No longer two, they become “one flesh.”**³² **This is a huge mystery, and I**

don't pretend to understand it all. What is clearest to me is **the way Christ treats the church.**³³ And this provides a good picture of how each husband is to treat his wife, loving himself in loving her, and how each wife is to honor her husband.

Because we live in this Time/Space World, we tend to think that Time Came Before Eternity. But what if Time is just a Tiny Part of Eternity? What if GOD Worked out all the details before He Started Our Time here on Earth?

CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH was **the Model Set For Marriage** between a Man and His Wife! **THE BODY OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS, WAS THE WAY MADE FOR THE UNION OF JEW AND GENTILE.** Why do we continue to throw up walls, both in Our Marriage and in Our World? **Let The Reconciliation of Christ Come from The Cross into Our Lives!**

(Bible Verses from TMSG. Color, highlights, underlines I've added for Simple Emphasis)