



Quintessential Marriage

Ephesians 5:22-24

“Wives, **submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.** For the **husband is head of the wife**, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. **Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.** Ephesians 5:22-24

Husbands and wives

“Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, **that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct** accompanied by fear. Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— **rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.** For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves,

being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.” I Peter 3:1-6 NKJV

- ☑ A wife’s conduct winning her husband without a word spoken
- ☑ Chaste conduct—marriage purity
- ☑ The hidden person of the heart, gentle quite spirit vs. external adornment

The Weaker Vessel

“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the **weaker vessel**, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your **prayers may not be hindered.**” I Peter 3:7 NKJV

- ☑ Weaker as in MORE SENSITIVE
- ☑ Equal heirs so you don’t misconstrue what he means
- ☑ If not—prayer hit the ceiling

Rules of Conduct

“Finally, all of you **be of one mind**, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary

blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. **For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.**” I Peter 3:8-12 NKJV

Rules of Engagement

- be of one mind
- have compassion
- love as brothers
- be tenderhearted
- be courteous
- Return blessing for evil
- “He who would love life And see good days:
 - Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.
 - Let him turn away from evil and do good;
 - Let him seek peace and pursue it.
- the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers;**

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and **gave Himself for her**, that He might sanctify and **cleanse her with the washing of water by the word**, that He might **present her to Himself** a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27

The HIGH CALLING of a Husband—Cleanse and Present—with the word/blood!

“For the **word of God is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

Cleanse

“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the

blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses us** from all sin." I John 1:6-7
NKJV

Nourished in the word!

"If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, **nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine** which you have carefully followed. But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, **but godliness is profitable for all things**, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." I Timothy 4:6-8 NKJV

Prepare your Vessel!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

- The Word—Nourish
- The Blood—Cleanses
- The Mind—Prepares

Meditate on these things—Training the Mind

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy—meditate on these things**. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, **these do**, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:8-9 NKJV

To train your mind meditate in these:

1. Truth—Realty, worth time attention, and energy
2. Noble—Royal, Golden, Highness
3. Just—Justice, fairness, equity
4. Purity—Undeclared, unmixed, whole, with integrity
5. Lovely—Things with the 16 attributes of love (1 Cor. 13)
6. Good Report—Uplifting Conversation
7. Virtue—what is right in God’s eyes
8. Praiseworthy—Things Yahweh would be proud of

You Job Gentleman is to Give of yourself so she can be perfect

“as His divine power has given to us all things that **pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:3 NKJV

Perfect and Complete

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, **that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**” James 1:2-4 NKJV

A Glorious Church/Bride/Wife

“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for **our glory,**” I Corinthians 2:7 NKJV

The Glory of God Revealed

“The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”” Isaiah 40:5 NKJV

Glorious Liberty

“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty of the children of God.**” Romans 8:20-21 NKJV

Our Glorious Body

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to **His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.” Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV

- Life
- Godliness
- Perfection
- Lacking nothing
- Glory
- Liberty

Ephesians 5:28-29

So **husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies**; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. Ephesians 5:28-29

Love yourself — Don't unite you body with a harlot

“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. **Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.** And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? **Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her?** For “the two,” He says, “**shall become one flesh.**” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. **Flee sexual immorality.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, **but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, **and you are not your own?** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:12-20 NKJV

- ☑ Sexual immorality—think about what you are saying. I can use my liberty in Christ, now that I am free from sin, to unite to another form of SIN! [SEE ROMANS 6 and 7 below]

Ownership in Marriage

“Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, **let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.** Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.” I Corinthians 7:1-5 NKJV

The Marriage Bed

“Marriage is honorable among all, and **the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”” Hebrews 13:4-5 NKJV

- You are not your own in marriage!
- It is no longer I who live

☑ *“For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live**, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:19-20 NKJV*

☑ Keep the bed PURE

Ephesians 5:30-33

For we are **members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.**

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”

Ephesians 5:30-33 NKJV

The GREAT MYSTERY

Genesis—The Trinity, marriage and family

“Then God said, **“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **So God created man**

in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

One Flesh—Marriage

“And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: **“This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”**

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” Genesis 2:21-25 NKJV

Y’shua weighs in on the matter—“what God!”

“And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made **them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?** So

then, they are no longer two but one flesh. **Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.**”” Matthew 19:4-6 NKJV

NOTE: this is the entirety of the liberal agenda. It is an anti-Genesis, anti-God platform. There is no man, there is no woman, there is not marriage, and there need be no child!

- ☑ God’s Image is this:
 - ☑ Man
 - ☑ Woman
 - ☑ Marriage
 - ☑ Child
- ☑ What God, no one can change!

Church as bride of Christ

“Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. **For I have betrothed you to one husband**, that I may present you as a **chaste virgin** to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. **For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a**

different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!”

II Corinthians 11:1-4 NKJV

Think of the woman caught in adultery—Read the whole account in John 8:1-12

“When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, **“Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”** She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, **“Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. **He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness**, but have the light of life.”” John 8:10-12 NKJV

- ☑ You are not considered a virgin in God’s eyes no matters what you were married to before!

Maybe the most critical thing about marriage that you need to know! Without this Ephesians 5:31-32 has no POWER!

*“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.***

THE ROMANS 7 MYSTERY — Why is Paul specifically saying here, like he does NOWHERE else in his writings, that he is addressing those who KNOW THE LAW?

“Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law [not free from the Torah, but because of the law just mentioned, she is free from the law the keeps her bound in marriage and she can now marry another], so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

Therefore, my brethren, you also have become **dead to the law [a death took place so you can marry another]** through the body of Christ, **that you may be married to another**—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. **But now**

we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.” Romans 7:1-6 NKJV

- ☑ You must know the law to get this
- ☑ The law has you bound to your spouse until there is a death
- ☑ If there is a death you are free to marry another without being called an adulterer
- ☑ If there is a death, you are free from the law holding you to that marriage (not free from the law, but free because the law makes you free when there is a death)
- ☑ What is the death that took place? It’s all in the chapter before!

Let’s look back one chapter at the deaths that took place! Look what you were married to (bound to, united to, slave to)!

End of Romans chapter 5

“Moreover the **law entered that the offense might abound**. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 5:20-21 NKJV

Romans 6

“What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!** How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that **our old man was crucified** with Him, that the **body of sin might be done away with**, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin**. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now **if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him**, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. **Death no longer has dominion over Him**. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. **Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members

as instruments of righteousness to God. **For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that **one's slaves whom you obey**, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you **were slaves of sin**, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been **set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. **For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.** For when you were **slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.** What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been **set free from sin, and having become slaves of God**, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:1-23 NKJV

- You were united to sin in death
- You were a slave to sin

- ☑ You were bound to sin
- ☑ And then there was a death (actually two)
- ☑ Christ died and we died with him
- ☑ Christ was buried and we were buried with him
- ☑ Christ resurrected and we were resurrected with him
- ☑ We resurrected to a new life that now makes us free from the old marriage (united, slave, bound to sin)
- ☑ We are free to marry another!

And then Romans 7....*“Or do you not know, brethren (**for I speak to those who know the law**)*

- ☑ that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives
- ☑ For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives
- ☑ But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.
- ☑ So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress;
- ☑ but if her husband dies, she is free from that law so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.
- ☑ Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ
- ☑ **that you may be married to another!**

Marriage supper of the lamb—our wedding day!

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, **for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**” And to her it was granted to be **arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright** [***you see the role of the husband?**], for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.” And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”” Revelation 19:7-10 NKJV

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The Wedding Day!

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.” Revelation 21:1-3 NKJV