

# Sacred: God's Design for Marriage

## A Profound Mystery

Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

<sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

### The 'blueprint' for Christian marriage:

*There is only 1 statement about marriage that God includes \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible  
(Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5, Mark 10:7-8, Ephesians 5:31)*

*This statement provides a ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' for what God intended marriage to be.*

*Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_.*

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*Our relationship with God \_\_\_\_\_ gives the clearest picture of God's design  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ marriage. He is the revelation of the ' \_\_\_\_\_ '.*

Read: Ephesians 5:1-20

What does it mean to live as a Christian?

\_\_\_\_\_ (primarily by \_\_\_\_\_)

This passage speaks to ...

Why do I live as a Christian? (see: 4:32)

Because I am \_\_\_\_\_.

*This is a \_\_\_\_\_ . Either I am, or I am not.*

This reality is the \_\_\_\_\_ for all that follows in this chapter. \_\_\_\_\_ I am  
\_\_\_\_\_, I will \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus.

If I am forgiven in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_. God then has \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ – including my marriage.

Therefore ...

My marriage – no matter how good I think it is right now – will \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ if Christ is not \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

*Is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ to me?*

*I will never understand and experience a \_\_\_\_\_ marriage until I  
understand and accept \_\_\_\_\_.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of my marriage is in many ways a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of my relationship with Christ.

*If I'm not living and loving like Christ, my marriage will be the arena that deficit shows up  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

A \_\_\_\_\_ begins with me becoming a \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ will have a greater impact on the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of my marriage than the health and  
strength and satisfaction of my relationship with Christ.

*Why?*

**Practical steps I must take:**

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage  
and embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ one.

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage and  
know that both are for our good.

\_\_\_\_\_ where I stand with God right now – not *positionally*, but  
*practically* – and decide what I'm going to do about that. (*Nothing will change in my marriage  
until something changes in me!*)

And ...

**Commit to:** \_\_\_\_\_