

The Two Shall Become 'One'

The mystery of marriage and the Church in Christ

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

-Genesis 2: 22-24

²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ 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."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and **they shall become one** flesh.

-Matthew 19: 4-6

⁴ And He (Jesus) answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female,'

⁵ 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'?

⁶ So then, **they are no longer two but one** flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

THE MYSTERY:

The two (2 humans formed by God) shall become 'One' is a mystery. In a Godly marriage, a husband and wife reflect the 'Oneness of God'. God (Elohim) is 3 persons (Trinity: Father, Son & Holy Spirit), a perfect unity = One.

- Deut. 6:4 The LORD is 'One'.
- Adam: is a description what he is; a human or man formed out of the red dust of the ground.
- Eve: is a description of who she was; the mother of all the living (Gen. 3:20). In Hebrew Eve = Chava; Chava is what Adam, the 1st man called his wife.

I. How can two become 'One'?

God brings two persons together within the bonds of marriage and forms them into 'One' (spiritually).

- Two together as 'One' ultimately reflects the image of God.
- We were made in God's image, *Gen 1:26-27*.
- Marriage is a pattern of Jesus Christ (Husband, The Bridegroom) and you and I are His Church (Wife, His Bride).

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II. What is 'One'?

- *Strong's #259 ECHAD; not two but One, together, united, completed, perfect unity*
- One is not the number 1 in this instance, which generally means singular (just 1 of something); the Biblical meaning is more than 1, its 2 or more, joining together to form 'One'. It is a spiritual union.

Looking at the two scripture references, we see that Matthew is saying the same thing as Genesis, the Book of Beginnings, or the very 1st book of the Holy Bible.

As we read we understand that from the very beginning God shows us that He desires relationship. Our relationships should reflect His image and become an environment of fellowship, unity in His Holy Spirit which forms an everlasting bond of togetherness. A perfect example would be a godly marriage that is reflecting Jesus Christ as LORD.

KEY: a key word is become or becoming. There is a developmental stage; the two hearts have to grow together as 'One' in the LORD as well as a couple. There will be disagreements, misunderstandings and so on and so with much love and understanding these things can be worked through. There are many mountain top experiences as well as times in the valley. Seek the LORD for answers...He knows.

God is the author of marriage, and it all began in an environment (a garden) prepared by God for Adam and Eve the first husband & wife on the Earth. Elohim (God) desires both persons (husband & wife) to come together and form something "New" together, no longer separate, no longer apart.

-Ephesians 5: 29-33

²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and **the two shall become one** flesh."

³² ***This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.***

³³ 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.

III. What is a Christ centered Marriage?

A coming together of two persons, as 'One' forming a flow of God's love. Love joining the two into 'One' when received from God is a strong current, a flow that no man can separate.

- Husband and wife share intimacy of sexual relations as well as sharing their innermost thoughts and feelings with one another.

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- Being open and honest in their communication with each other.
 - Applying God's wisdom & understanding to situations that arise in the home.
 - Proverbs 24:3
 - ³ Good homes are built on wisdom and understanding
 - Proverbs 22:6
 - ⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

IV. What does the Bible say about Family?

Jesus Christ is the foundation that a strong marriage and family is built upon.

-1 Corinthians 3:11

¹¹ The foundation that has already been built is Jesus Christ, and no one can build any other foundation.

Parents, be the example of Christ in the home; showing and teaching your children the ways and Word of God. Love your children, train them in the things of God and discipline them.

1. HUSBANDS/FATHERS: LOVE & PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

-Colossians 3:19, 21

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and be gentle to them.

²¹ Fathers, don't upset your children. If you are too hard to please, they might want to stop trying.

2. WIVES/MOTHERS: RESPECT YOUR HUSBAND & NOURISH YOUR CHILDREN

-Colossians 3:20

²⁰ Wives, be willing to serve your husbands. This is the right thing to do in following the Lord.

-Proverbs 31:10-12

¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

3. CHILDREN:

-Ephesians 6:1-3

¹ Children, obey your parents in the LORD, for this is right.

² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

-Proverbs 1:8-9

⁸ My son, listen to your father when he corrects you, and don't ignore what your mother teaches you. ⁹ What you learn from your parents will bring you honor and respect, like a crown or a gold medal.

-2 Timothy 3:14-15

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¹⁴ But you should continue following the teaching you learned. You know it is true, because you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have known the Holy Scriptures since you were a child. These Scriptures are able to make you wise. And that wisdom leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus

V. Seek the LORD

To become 'One' in our marriages we must die to selfishness and become seekers of the kingdom. We have a responsibility to pray and encourage each other in the LORD. We must set our affections (seek) on the LORD and His kingdom and not let worldly things pull us away from God any longer. Purpose in our heart to follow Christ and His commandments will bring us into destiny, all that God has for us.

Seek God through His Word and prayer and you will create a home of 'Oneness'.

Becoming 'One' is a sweet fellowship with your LORD, your spouse and your children. It is showing forth the beauty of Christ and His Church. It is showing others the Mystery of the Church in Christ through the joining to two in the Spirit becoming 'One'.

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