

Ephesians 5  
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# ENGAGE WITH GOD IN FAMILY



MARRIAGE - THE NATURE OF THE UNION

# Engage

- 1. Engage with God (4)**
- 2. Engage with Family (3)**
- 3. Engage in Stewardship (4)**

**Loving God means loving people.**

**Loving the Gospel means  
loving marriage.**

# Ephesians 5:32 (ESV)

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## **Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)**

**<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,**

## Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> **even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, *[why-for what purpose?]* that we should be holy and blameless before him....**

## Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



## **Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV)**

**31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” [Gen 2:24] 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.**

# Ephesians 5:32 (ESV)

**32 This mystery is profound**

# Theme

**God designed Marriage to  
mirror the Gospel**

# Structure

- 1. The plan precedes the process**
- 2. The process is for the purpose of purification & presentation**

## **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV)**

**<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? ... <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

**“Behold, you are consecrated unto me,  
you are betrothed to me; behold, you  
are a wife unto me” (*b. Qiddushin 5a*).**

**Harold W. Hoehner, Philip W. Comfort, and Peter H. Davids,  
*Cornerstone Biblical Commentary: Ephesians, Philippians,  
Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, Philemon.*, vol. 16 (Carol Stream,  
IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2008), 117.**

## Ephesians 5:25-27 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> ... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to

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**himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**



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## Ephesians 1:4 (ESV)

**4 he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that (εἶναι) we should be holy and blameless before him. In love**

## Ephesians 5:25-26 (ESV)

**<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her,**

## Charge:

**Husbands, Love her – as Christ loved the church. Giving up all that he had, for the purpose of HER sanctification... presentation to the Father as a pure and spotless bride.**

## Ephesians 5:22-24 (ESV)

**22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.**

# **Culturally defunct?**

- 1. Codes = liberating in ANE Culture**
- 2. “Chronological Snobbery” –  
C.S.Lewis**
- 3. Logical inconsistency**
- 4. Trinitarian Model**
- 5. Creative Order**

# **What about abuse?**

**a. Acts 5:29**

**b. Hebrew Midwives**

**c. Daniel**

# Charge:

Wives as a service to God love, respect, and follow your husband to such an extent that others will be blown away by how far you go to make his life good.



## Charge:

**Non-married: As servants of the High King, committed to the furtherance of His kingdom, glory, and gospel, do all that you can to preserve, protect, support, and encourage the institution of marriage as a way of furthering the Gospel.**

## **2 Corinthians 9:15 (ESV)**

**15 Thanks be to God for his  
inexpressible gift!**

## **Ephesians 1:7-12 (ESV)**

**<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will,**

## **Ephesians 1:7-12 (ESV)**

**according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

## **Ephesians 1:7-12 (ESV)**

**<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.**