

The Two Will Become One

Ephesians 5:21-33

Key Verse: 5:31-32

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.”

1. What general principle does Paul give in regards to life in the Christian household? (21) How can we submit to one another? How should wives relate to their husbands? (22,24b) Why should they submit? (23-24a)
2. How should husbands relate to their wives? (25a) How did Christ express his love for the church, and what was his purpose? (25b--27) How is Christ's love a motivation for and example to husbands in loving their wives?
3. To what degree should a husband love his wife? (28-29) How do people care for their bodies? How does Christ's example help a husband feed and care for his wife? (30)
4. Read verses 31-32. What is God's original purpose in marriage? (31; Gen 2:24) How does this reflect the unity of Christ and the church? (32) Why is it so important to have unity between husband and wife? (1:10; 4:3)
5. Read verse 33. How can a husband and wife be united practically? How does practicing love and respect build unity in a marriage?