

Joined As One Matthew 19:3-12

Fundamental Facts:

God made man in His own image - **Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7**

God made them different bodies: "male and female" - **Matthew 19:4-5**

God arranged for happiness of His creation - **Genesis 2:21-22**

An unmarried life is permissible but not commanded - **1Corinthians 7:7-9,25-28**

The Purpose Of Marriage:

Suitable companionship - **Genesis 2:23-24**

Sexual fulfillment - To avoid fornication - **1Corinthians 7:2**

Procreation - **Genesis 1:27-28; 1Timothy 5:14**

Establishment of a home - **Titus 2:2-5**

A Supreme Relationship Upon Earth:

God-given -- wonderful relationship

Not a mere civil contract, authorized by the state - **Genesis 2:18; Hebrews 13:4**

Man and woman joined together by God - **Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Ephesians 5:28**

It is a union of bodies, minds, and purposes -- One in mutual giving and taking, material possessions, spiritual interests

"As unto the bow the cord is, So unto the man is woman; Though she bends him she obeys him, Useless each without the other!" -- Longfellow - HIAWATHA

Priority over all human relationships - **Ephesians 5:22-23,31**

Responsibilities In Marriage:

Husbands - Provide for family, honor, understanding, cherish, protect, to lead - **1Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:22-23,28-29**

"cherish" - "to heat, to soften by heat; then to keep warm, as of birds covering their young with their feathers (Vine's) - **1Peter 3:7; 1Thessalonians 4:4; 1Timothy 5:8**

Wives - Care for home, children, above reproach, sensible, Love, honor, respect, submit - **Titus 2:4; 1Corinthians 11:8-9; Colossians 3:18; Ephesians 5:33**

Both - Love, spiritual support, exclusive - **1Thessalonians 4:3-8; 1Corinthians 7:1-5,10-11**

Marriage Is For Life:

Joined together by God - **Matthew 19:6**

It is a permanent arrangement - **Romans 7:2-3; Mark 10:10-12**

Only one exception - fornication - **Matthew 19:8-9; Matthew 5:31-32**

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