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There is much confusion today in our society's understanding of history's oldest institution. Many view marriage as a contractual agreement that can be easily broken. Some look at marriage as a confining prison. Others see it as completely unnecessary, believing that cohabitating and having children do not require marriage.

As government courts continue to change the definition, some people are confused as to what marriage really is. You can walk into any bookstore and find a plethora of books that deal with marriage, divorce, and relationships; but how can you know what is right? In the midst of cultural confusion, we can gain a clear understanding of marriage from the Creator Himself. God has given us everything we need to know about marriage in His Word. These messages are for the whole family as we focus on our great God and His design for marriage.

—Pastor Kevin Williams

1. _____ of _____

2. _____ of _____

3. _____ for _____

¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. –

Ephesians 2:1-3

Because of the Gospel...

1. You are _____ by God.
Therefore, you are not _____ on your spouse for who you _____ and what you _____.
2. You are completely _____.
Therefore, you can _____ your spouse of all _____ against you.
3. You are never _____ from God.
Therefore, God is always _____ you and at _____ in your marriage.
4. You can obtain _____ from God.
Therefore, you have everything you need to make _____ in your marriage.
5. You have _____.
Therefore, you can endure marital _____ with the _____ that God is at work.
6. You have God's _____ at your disposal.
Therefore, God will enable you to _____ all He _____ you to do in your marriage.
7. You are completely _____.
Therefore, the _____ of the past do not determine your future.

The Husband's Responsibility to His Wife (vv. 25-32)

The _____: _____ your wife. (v. 25a)

The _____: _____ demonstrated His love for the _____. (25b)

The _____: Christ _____ Himself for the _____ of the church. (vv. 25b-27)

The _____: _____ become _____. (vv. 28-32)

The Responsibilities Summarized (v. 33)

The husband must _____ his wife. (v. 33a)

The wife must _____ her husband. (v. 33b)

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” –Genesis 2:24

The Wife’s Responsibility to Her Husband (vv. 22-24)

The _____: _____ to your husband. (v. 22a)

The _____: This brings _____ to the Lord. (v. 22b)

The _____: God has ordained the husband as her _____ . (v. 23a)

The _____: The _____ is obligated to submit to Christ as the _____. (vv. 23b-24)

The _____: This submission includes _____ of life. (v. 24b)

8. You have been _____ to God by Christ. Therefore, you should always try to _____ with your spouse.
9. You have _____ to God through Christ. Therefore, you can take any _____ in your marriage directly to the One who can _____.
10. You are _____ by Christ beyond comprehension. Therefore, you can be a _____ of Christ’s _____ to your spouse.
11. You can be _____ by Christ. Therefore, you should stop looking to your spouse or anything else to bring _____ that only Christ can bring.
12. You can expect God to do far _____ what you could ever _____. Therefore, never _____ on your marriage—God can do the _____.
13. You are expected to be _____. Therefore, your marriage should _____ God and fulfill His _____.

“Marriage meets grace when it finds its purpose in God and its hope in the gospel.” –Gary Ricucci

Cultivate the _____ of unity.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Understand the _____ for unity.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Participate in _____ community.

1. The church _____ you to _____.
2. The church _____ you to _____.
3. The church _____ you to _____.

**“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.” –Ephesians 4:3**

The Meaning of Submission

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The Motive for Submission

The motive for humbly submitting and serving others is not the _____ of the _____.

The motive for humbly submitting and serving others is your _____ with _____.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.” -John 13:16-17

Summary of Ephesians 4-6

Ephesians 4:1-16 Walk in _____.

Ephesians 4:17-32 Walk in _____.

Ephesians 5:1-6 Walk in _____.

Ephesians 5:7-14 Walk in _____.

Ephesians 5:15-6:9 Walk in _____.

Becoming Wise

1. _____ with _____.

2. _____ your _____.

3. _____ God’s _____.

4. _____ the Spirit _____.

Don’t look like this!

1. They live with an _____.

2. They live in _____ of the _____.

3. They live without _____.

Be different!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.” –Proverbs 2:6

²² That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. –Ephesians 4:22-24

VERSE	REMOVE (PUT OFF)	REPLACE (PUT ON)	RENEW

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. ²⁶ “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. ²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. —Ephesians 4:25-32

We must _____ love.

1. True love is _____.
2. True love is _____.
3. True love is _____.
4. True love is _____.

We must _____ love.

1. False love has a distorted view of _____.
2. False love has a distorted view of _____.
3. False love has a distorted view of _____.

True love is a _____ to unconditionally _____ yourself for the _____ of others and the _____ of God.

“Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” -Ephesians 5:2