

SERIES: Ephesians
The Mystery of Marriage
Ephesians 5:31-33

Gospel Foundations

- The glory of God is the ultimate _____ of marriage.
 - Marriage exists for God more than it exists for you.
 - The ultimate starting point of marriage:
 - Not, “What is best for me?”
 - Instead, “What is best for _____?”
 - The most significant question in marriage:
 - Is Jesus the _____ of your life?
- The grace of God is the ultimate _____ for marriage.
 - The major problem in every marriage: _____.
 - The major solution for any marriage: a _____.
- The gospel of God is the ultimate _____ in marriage.
 - Wives give a picture of the _____ to the world.
 - Husbands give a picture of _____ to the world.

A Marriage Made in Heaven (5:31-33)

- The church is described in three ways in Ephesians to show her union with Christ:
 - The church is the _____ with Christ as the foundation.
 - The church is a _____ with Christ as the head.
 - The church is a _____ with Christ as the husband.
- The mystery of marriage is that human marriage was always about Christ’s love for the Church.
 - This mystery is not a secret to keep, but a truth to be _____!
 - The Bible is the story of God choosing a bride for his _____.
 - Christ and the church are the solid substance... human marriage is simply the _____.
- When you realize marriage is not ultimately about you, but about reflecting the gospel, it should affect your marriage in three ways:
 - The gospel relieves the crushing pressure of _____.
 - The gospel redefines the ultimate purpose of your marriage.
 - The gospel sustains your marriage in seasons of _____.

Gospel Exhortations

- To married couples...
 - Husbands, _____ your wife.
 - Wives, _____ your husband’s leadership.
 - Husbands and wives, let Christ serve you.
- To the single...
- To the divorced...
- To the widowed...
- Remember the _____!

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 - The ultimate starting point of marriage:
 - Not, “What is best for me?”
 - Instead, “What is best for **God**?”
 - The most significant question in marriage:
 - Is Jesus the **Lord** of your life?
- The grace of God is the ultimate **hope** for marriage.
 - The major problem in every marriage: **sin**.
 - The major solution for any marriage: a **Savior**.
- The gospel of God is the ultimate **picture** in marriage.
 - Wives give a picture of the **church** to the world.
 - Husbands give a picture of **Christ** to the world.

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- The church is described in three ways in Ephesians to show her union with Christ:
 - The church is the **building** with Christ as the foundation.
 - The church is a **body** with Christ as the head.
 - The church is a **bride** with Christ as the husband.
- The mystery of marriage is that human marriage was always about Christ’s love for the Church.
 - This mystery is not a secret to keep, but a truth to be **spread!**
 - The Bible is the story of God choosing a bride for his **Son**.
 - Christ and the church are the solid substance... human marriage is simply the **shadow**.
- When you realize marriage is not ultimately about you, but about reflecting the gospel, it should affect your marriage in three ways:
 - The gospel relieves the crushing pressure of **idolatry**.
 - The gospel redefines the ultimate purpose of your marriage.
 - The gospel sustains your marriage in seasons of **suffering**.

Gospel Exhortations

- To married couples...
 - Husbands, **outserve** your wife.
 - Wives, **observe** your husband’s leadership.
 - Husbands and wives, let Christ serve you.
- To the single...
- To the divorced...
- To the widowed...
- Remember the **Gospel!**

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