

Ephesians- A New Way To Be Human

Part 22- A New View On Marriage

1. Marriage Is A Mystery:

2. Mystery 1 = Wives Submit To Husbands Who Are The Head:

VS. 21-24- “submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, & is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands

3. Mystery 2 = Husbands Love Wives Like Your Own Body:

VS. 25-30- “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church & gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water w/ the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, w/out spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy & w/out blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

4. Mystery 3 = Marriage Makes Two People Into One

VS. 31- “Therefore a man shall leave his father & mother & hold fast to his wife, & the two shall become one flesh.”

5. Mystery 4 = This All Refers To Christ & The Church:

VS. 32- “This mystery is profound, & I am saying that it refers to Christ & the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, & let the wife see that she respects her husband.”

Understanding The Gospel Helps Us Understand Love

John 15:9- “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you...”

How does the Father love Jesus? That’s how Jesus loves us...

Matt 3:17b- “This is my beloved Son, w/ whom I am well pleased”

Romans 5:8- “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

John 15:12-13- “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you...”

Understanding The Gospel Helps Us Understand Commitment

The Gospel Shows There Is Hope For Every Marriage

His Love Heals Our Pain:

His Commitment To Us Sustains Us Through Difficulty: