

Marriage

Matthew 19:1

Context

- Question on Divorce
- God's Design for Marriage

Male and Female

- at the beginning the Creator made them male and female

Male and Female

- Gen 1:27-28
 - God created man in his own image,
 - in the image of God he created him,
 - male and female he created them

Male and Female

- Gen 1:27-28
 - God blessed them and said to them
 - Be fruitful and increase in number
 - Fill the earth and subdue it.
 - Rule over...
- "Creation Mandate"

Male and Female

- Gen 2:18-25
 - The Lord God said,
 - It is not good for the man to be alone.
 - I will make a helper suitable for him.

Male and Female

- Gen 2:18-25
 - Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man,
 - and he brought her to the man.

Male and Female

- Male and female are created in the image of God
 - to rule and reign with God over the earth.
- They are God's representatives on earth.

Male and Female

- Male and female are a complimentary pair.
 - Both are necessary and must work together to fulfill the creation mandate.

Oneness

- For this reason a man
 - will leave his father and mother
 - and be united to his wife
- Your fundamental allegiance is transferred from your family of origin to your spouse.

Oneness

- and the two will become one flesh
 - This is a spiritual and physical union.

Oneness

- Gen. 2:25
 - The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Oneness

- Picture of Openness and Intimacy
 - I see you as you really are.
 - I love you as you really are.
 - You do not need to be ashamed of who you are.

Oneness

- So they are no longer two but one flesh
 - Jesus pictures the husband and wife as unified whole.

Permanence

- Therefore what God has joined together,
 - let man not separate.

Permanence

- Marriage is a picture of Christ's love for the church.
 - Ephesians 5:22-33

Permanence

- The union of a husband and wife is the work of God.
 - It is intended to be a lifelong commitment.

Marriage

- How do we, as husband and wife, reflect God's glory on earth?
- How are we living in intimate union so that we might fulfill God's call on our lives?
- How is Christ's steadfast love on display in our relationship?