

Bereans Bible Institute
Module IX – The Christian Home
Lesson 11 –The Christian Couple – One Flesh

- I. Eph. 1:9-10 God's ultimate goal is for the whole creation to achieve "oneness" through reconciliation to God.
- A. In the angelic realm & the Assembly (vs. 10, 19-23)
 - B. Ephesians 2 – reconciling Jew and Gentile in Christ
 - C. Eph. 4:11-16 – UNITY of the Assembly with the Head – Christ
- II. John 17:20-24 Jesus' prayer for us: "Oneness" with each other and with God
- III. Eph. 5:1 – 6:4 Our obligation in moving towards RECONCILIATION
- A. Vss. 1-2 To fulfill God's purposes we must "imitate God" and "walk in love" JUST AS Christ did.
 - B. Vss. 3-7 Flee all forms of immorality, because those who engage in these have no inheritance in the Kingdom.
 - C. Vss. 8-16 Walk according to the LIGHT
 - 1. Light is the knowledge of God revealed by God, through which we can see where following our animal instincts leads to death, but following God's guidance leads to life.
 - 2. We used to be in "darkness" walking in ignorance, following our "animal instincts."
 - 3. Urgency in putting these things into practice.
 - D. Walking in the LIGHT involves:
 - 1. Vss. 17-20 Abstaining from drunkenness, but instead using MUSIC as a tool for thanksgiving.
 - 2. Vss. 21-24 Wives submitting to their husbands exactly as to Christ Himself
 - a. The husband is the HEAD of the wife exactly as Christ is HEAD of the assembly.
 - b. The husband is the "savior" of the wife as Christ is of the assembly (charged with rescuing his wife)
 - c. God commands wives to be submissive to their husbands in everything.
 - 3. Vss. 21-33 Husbands are to love their wives exactly as Christ loved the assembly
 - a. He submitted to death to save her
 - b. His GOAL in doing so was to present her to Himself in a state of glory, holy, flawless.
 - c. Husbands must treat their wives as part of their own flesh (one flesh), just as the assembly is the "body" of Christ, the head.
 - 1. Involves providing for her security, physical needs, emotional needs, & happiness as he provides for his own.
 - 2. Paul draws a parallel between Adam and Eve (from his flesh) and Christ and the assembly.
 - 3. Becoming ONE FLESH is the man's responsibility: The husband must do these things SO THAT the wife may respect him.
 - 4. 1 Peter 3:7 It is the husband's responsibility to bring about "oneness" by the way he treats his wife, as being "co-heirs" of the resurrection and inheritance. Otherwise their prayers will be hindered.
 - 5. Eph. 6:1-4 Children must submit to parents, thereby HONORING them. Fathers must not exasperate their children by being too harsh, but train them in God's ways.