

MARRIAGE WORKS

Ephesians 5:22-33

Marriage works if we have...

I. THE RIGHT METHODS

A. Marriage Involves God's Subjects (v. 22)—*wives...husbands*

B. Marriage Implements God's Strategy

1. Wife—submissive loyalty (vv. 22-24)

2. Husband—sacrificial leadership (vv. 23-30)—*the husband is the head of the wife...husbands love your wives...*

II. THE RIGHT MODEL

A. Creation (v. 31)

1. Order—(Gen. 2:7)—man first = leadership and responsibility

2. Oneness—(Gen. 2:21-25—Ephesians 5:31 quotes Gen. 2:25 Also Gen. 5:2—two people-one name)

B. Christ (vv. 23, 25)

1. The church gives herself in submission (v. 23)—*even as Christ is the head of the church*

2. The Christ gives Himself in sacrifice (v. 25)—*as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for her.*

III. THE RIGHT MOTIVATION

A. The Sanctification of Christians (vv. 26-28)—*that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her...*

B. An Illustration of Christ (v. 32)—*I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*