

CB - 1/16/77 pm

Just Sun night - the
import of our own
When Two Are One spiritual
life
Gen. 2:24

Intro: Amazing that we only have this
(Gen. 2:18-24) for instruction on
marriage in the O.T. It must be enough.
"One" means oneness in love, in will, in purpose.

I. We must recognize the sovereignty
of God in marriage

A. It ~~was~~ originated with God (Gen. 2:18).

B. It was ordained for man's blessing
("not good" to be alone, and so good to be
together). The goodness of God.

C. The first wife was especially made
for the first man (Gen. 2:18b).

D. It was God who brought them
together (Gen. 2:22).

II. We must recognize the priority
of the relationship.

A. The first instruction is given
to the man. Cf. Gen. 2:24.

B. It means the breaking of the
formerly most important relationship.

C. It means that no one (parents or
children) can ~~be~~ be more important
than the wife.

III. We must recognize the God-given
responsibilities: Eph 5:22 ff.

These are for all cultures in all
ages of time. They have never been

changed and never will!

A. For wives (Eph. 5:22-24).

How ridiculous this sounds today! We can bring all kinds of reasons why this won't work - and many illustrations.

But it is the Word of God!

Ask yourself about the Church's position. We also know very little about this. But does it bring blessing.

Wives need to make a life-long study of our submission to Christ.

B. For husbands (Eph. 5:25-27)

What an example, and what a standard.

Men, do you know what this means? How would you describe the love of Christ? This must be your life-long study.

What can we say about Christ's love?

1) An undivided love - John 13:1a
"His own."

2) An unending love - John 13:1b
Eph. 2:4-7.

3) An unchanging love - Jer. 31:3.

Our love is ~~usually~~ inclined to be determined by the circumstances, not by the person. The old, "if she will, I will."

- 4) An unmeasurable love - Eph. 3: 13-21. A good prayer to pray for husbands - and the answer makes good husbands.

Conclusion: When are the two one? When the Word of God is taken seriously and we see His grace to do it. It must be the will of God.

The world has other ideas. But the world is in darkness. For us the only answer can be Psa. 119:105.