

FAMILY

The Background Matthew 19:4-6, Genesis 1:26-28, 2:4-24

There are 3 foundational Biblical truths that must be understood about marriage in order to grasp the teaching of Ephesians 5:22-6:4.

- (1) In the Bible, male and female are two distinctly _____ genders that have distinctly different God designed characteristics.
- (2) God literally made gender (male and female) for the purpose of marriage; therefore, gender has its highest _____ in marriage.
- (3) God made Eve out of Adam for Adam to understand that Eve was one with him (one flesh). Therefore, Adam was not to view his headship of her in the manner of his headship over the rest of creation, but rather he was to view his headship of her within the one flesh covenant bond he has with her. Just as God was in covenant with Adam and thus Adam reigned over creation with Him, Adam was also in covenant with Eve and therefore he was to live in submission to God and rule over creation as one _____ her.

Challenge: Is your marriage two independent people who are doing their own thing by supporting each other along the way, or is it two independent people who have bound themselves together as _____ for the purpose of glorifying God?