

“Seeing Marriage as a Place to SHINE”

Series: Learning to Live “in Christ” - Ephesians

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Paul is prepared to reveal some of the most powerful ways where we can in fact SHINE!

To Shine:

To live now in a way that presumes Jesus is Lord, that unites all things in Heaven & Earth!

In New Creation, Submission is _____!

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21

Jesus...

...lived as if every human was loved by God and desired each to become what God intended!

...humbled Himself, (subjected/submitted) Himself in order to see the Kingdom come alive!

In New Creation, _____ serves as a “Living Metaphor” of Christ & the Ekklesia (Church)

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.” Ephesians 5:31-32

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, **husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.** He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰for we are members of his body.” Ephesians 5:25-30

“Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, **so also wives should submit to their husbands** in everything.” Ephesians 5:22-24



Conclusion:

- What if my marriage doesn't look like anything like what we have described?
- The way to Start Shining is always the same!

All Scriptures are from the New International Version unless noted.

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