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ORIGINS: Marriage Is From God

READ: Gen 2:18-24

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Purpose 1: COMPANIONSHIP -- “it is not good for the man to be alone”

Purpose 2: -- COMPLETION -- “I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Purpose 3: COHESION -- “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”
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Jesus Taught Us That **MARRIAGE IS To Be A PERMANENT UNION**

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The **LEAVE AND CLEAVE** Principle

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*Marriage Amounts To Each Partner Committing The Whole Of Their Lives To Each Other – A PERMANENT UNION*
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Marriage Is To Be A **SPIRITUAL UNION**

**God Is Involved In Forming The Union**

**Spiritual Compatibility Is God’s Desire**

*(2 Cor 6:14 NIV)* Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?
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True Christian Marriage Produces A Tangible Picture Of The Relationship That We Have With God

*Spiritual
*Permanent
*Productive
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Marriage Is A Close And Intimate Relationship

Two Set Out To Work Together As One To Accomplish A Permanent, Spiritual, Productive Union

God’s Ultimate Desire For Marriage Is That It Be Blessed And Full Of His Presence
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The One Ingredient That Makes Every Marriage Strong Is Love – Not Ordinary Love – Godly Love

- Christ In Us Is The Way Of Love
- His Love Comes To Abide In Us
- To Empower Us To Live Lives Of Love
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Godly Love Comes From God – Knowing Him

• His Spirit Living In Us Allows Us To Love And To Endure In That Love

• His Love Is A Gift Given – Not A Reward Earned

• God’s Love Is Freely Given – To Anyone And Everyone Regardless Of Who That Person Is
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The Only Reason We Can Love One Another In True Love Is Because He Lives In Us. By The Gift Of His Grace He Enables Us To Love One Another And Make A Covenant Agreement In Marriage That Is Lifelong!