

The Marriage Ideal
Colossians 3:18-19; Ephesians 5:21-33

Introduction – Christ is the _____ (1 Peter 2:7).

- God hates _____ (Malachi 2:16).
- Marriage tests and reveals the _____ we bring to the marriage.
- God’s purpose is to bring all things into _____ and _____, even husbands and wives (Ephesians 1:9, 10)
- Submit – Submit to one another out of reverence for _____ (Eph. 5:21-24 Col. 3:18-19)
- Submission begins with respect for the _____ (Ephesians 5:21)
- Submitting does not put a woman’s husband in the place of the _____.

Love – The balancing of submit is _____ (Ephesians 5:25-30)

- Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s _____ for one’s friends. (John 15:13).
- Christ laid down his _____ for us. (Romans 4:25, 8:32)

Cleave – (Genesis 2:24)

- Marriage is leaving other relationships to establish a _____ relationship between a _____ and a _____.

Conclusion – In Christian marriage there are not just two partners, but _____. The third is _____.