

No Longer Two Marriage Get-Away

Session One: The Gospel and Oneness

Genesis 2:24

*“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,
and they will become one flesh.”*

Not just about marriage: Mal. 2:10 - 16 Eph. 5:21 - 33 Eph. 2:11 - 22

This concept of unity or “oneness” is at the core of the Gospel. Jn. 17:1-23

Scriptures reveal:

- Oneness between the Father and the Son.
- Oneness between believers and God.
- Oneness between believers.
- Oneness between a husband and wife.

The Gospel brings about oneness, and oneness communicates the Gospel.

Ephesians 2:11-22; John 17:21 & 23

Understanding and believing the Gospel must result in oneness thinking and living.

Philippians 2:1-11 1 Peter 3:7 Ephesians 4:1 - 16

Failure to understand this is failure to understand:

The nature of the Gospel - John 17

The nature of marriage - Gen. 2:24; Mal. 2:10-16; Eph. 5:22-33; Mt. 19:4-6; Mk. 10:6-9

The nature of the Body of Christ - 1 Cor. 1 - 3; Eph. 4 - 6; Phil. 2:1 - 16

Implications for the Body of Christ

Division and disunity is the enemy's strategy.

Division over disagreements about things that are not the Gospel may help to obscure the Gospel over which we agree.

Oneness in the Body of Christ is created by God.

Our task is to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Implications for Marriage

Oneness in marriage is created by God.

Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:2-9; Malachi 2:10-16

Oneness in marriage pictures the Gospel.

Ephesians 5:21-33

Married believers must understand oneness and learn to think and live as one.

- Failure to understand oneness and to think and live as one can open the door to unfaithfulness and adultery ; or, at the least, a husband and wife, who are one, thinking and living as two .

Oneness thinking and living even by only one believing partner can lead to oneness in Christ.

- 1 Peter 3:1, 2
- Ephesians 5:25-28a

Developing Oneness Thinking and Living

- Practice Biblical Marital and Family Roles
- Prepare for and Protect Heart Faithfulness
- Promote Like-Mindedness
- Prioritize Relationship Intimacy
- Pursue Biblical Reconciliation