

Marriage:

Two different people becoming one



We all know the words - marriage brings two people together into oneness; from Genesis 2:24 and repeated by Jesus as recorded in Matthew and Mark and by Paul in Ephesians 5:31. But do we really understand what becoming one means? Do we understand what the Lord desires for our marriage relationship? My experience is that few couples truly understand oneness; it is the melding together not of a man and woman from different planets, but two people almost from different universes! Our different gender, personalities, educations, families of origin - the list of differences could go on and on - come together and become one in marriage. Biblical marriage respects the uniqueness of both husband and wife, yet expects oneness from them.

That oneness means that a husband wife shall be one flesh; considered as one body, having no separate or independent rights, privileges, cares, or concerns, each being equally interested in all things that concern the marriage state. We are not to be two separate people living together under one roof, but choose to live within the marriage relationship and share our whole life with each other: socially, legally, physically, emotionally, every way. There is just no other means of getting closer to another human being, and never has been, than in marriage. That is the Biblical oneness of marriage. Do you have that kind of oneness in your marriage? Are you growing together spiritually, emotionally, intellectually? Choose Biblical marriage; live as one with your spouse.

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The Foundation of a 'Oneness Marriage' at www.familylife.com