

# Marriage is a Spiritual Union

**M**arriage is a spiritual union that can be wrought by God and by God alone. It is much more than two people merely agreeing to live together and to be loyal to one another. It is much more than natural affection or infatuation. It is much more than a mere [piece of paper, more than a legal contract, more than bearing offspring. After all, animals do the same. Marriage, when it is brought together and honestly committed to God, is a totally unique union that is unlike any other relationship in life. When consummated by God and placed into the hands of God day by day, it is a spiritual union lifted ever so high and full of splendor and warmth and tenderness. It is the real experience of love and warmth and tenderness—the full preciousness and riches of sharing all with one another. In reality, a true marriage is indescribable. For a true marriage to be a spiritual experience that is beyond anything known in the physical world. It is a spiritual union mutually experienced only by the couples who truly know the love of Christ for His church.

**A true marriage is love** (Ephesians 5:25).

It is sacrificial love (Ephesians 5:25).

It is a love for another person that is just as great as one's love for oneself (Ephesians 5:28,33).

It is a love that cherishes (Ephesians 5:29)

**A true marriage is a union** (Ephesians 5:30)

It is so completely and spiritually wrought that two persons become one as one body and as one flesh (Ephesians 5:30-31)

**A true marriage is a mystery** (Ephesians 5:32)

It is a spiritual fact that has to be revealed by God if it is to be experienced by couples (Ephesians 5:32)

