

Genesis: The Marriage Pattern of Christ and the Church

"I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ"

1. **Adam** – Had his bride purposed for him before she was formed / Gen. 2:18
Church – Chosen to be "in Christ" before the foundation of the world / Eph. 1:4
2. **Adam** – Unfruitful search was made for counterpart - one had to be made / Gen. 2:18
Church – Lord looked down & saw none good - church was created / Psa. 14, Eph. 2:10
3. **Adam** – Bride's formation came from his opened side / Gen. 2:21
Church – Salvation based on Christ's sacrificial blood from His opened side / John 19:34
4. **Adam** – Bride is bridegroom's body – bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh / Gen. 2:23
Church – Is the body of Christ – has the Spirit of God's Son in her / Eph. 1:22-23, Gal. 4:6
5. **Adam** – While sleeping, his bride created only by the work of God alone / Gen. 2:22
Church – Salvation not by her works, but by God's power and work in Christ / Eph. 2:6-10
6. **Adam** – Took a process of time to complete bride so she would be fit for him / Gen. 2:22
Church – Being built and sanctified in this age to be like Christ until finished / Eph. 5:26
7. **Adam** – Bride's purpose in being created was for him – to be suitable helper / Gen. 2:18
Church – Purpose in being created is to be the fullness of Christ as His body / Eph. 1:23
8. **Adam** – When his bride was completed she was formally presented to him / Gen. 2:22
Church – When complete she will be raptured and presented glorious to Christ / Eph. 5:27
9. **Adam** – His bride was the glory of him / Gen. 2:23, 1Cor. 11:7
Church – Is the glory of God and the Lord Jesus Christ / Eph. 1:12, 3:21, 2Thess. 1:10
10. **Adam** – His bride to share the dominion with him / Gen. 1:28
Church – To share the dominion of Christ and reign with Him / 1Cor. 6:2, Rev. 5:10
11. **Adam** – Bridegroom only is head / Gen. 3:16
Church – Is the one to be in subjection to Christ Jesus, the only Head / Eph. 5:24
12. **Adam** – Bride is his own cherished bone & flesh; out of him (woman) / Gen. 2:23
Church – Loved by Christ – nourished & cherished as His bone & flesh / Eph. 5:25-32
13. **Adam** – Was given a virgin / Gen. 2:22, 4:1
Church – To separate from unclean to be a chaste virgin for Christ / 1Cor. 6:17, 2Cor. 11:2
14. **Adam** – Joined himself to his bride / Gen. 2:24
Church – Christ is coming for her and a wedding union in heaven / Jn. 14:3, Rev. 19:7-9

"... a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church". (Eph. 5:31-32)

The Man-Woman Relationship Revealed in God's Creative Acts

- Gen. 2:20 Animals rejected for Adam as suitable helpmate – no bestiality
NT has no contradiction of this (also law in Lev. 18:23 condemns such)
- Gen. 2:22 Woman, not man, created for man – no homosexuality
NT upholds same - Matt. 19:4 / Rom. 1:26-27
- Gen. 2:22 One woman created for one man – plurality of partners (polygamy) not the plan
NT - 1Tim. 3:2
- Gen. 2:7 Man created first – he inherits the rank and responsibility of head
NT – 1Cor. 11:3-8 / Eph. 5:23 / 1Tim. 2:11-13
- Gen. 2:18 Woman created for the man – this defines her role
NT - 1Cor. 11:3, 7, 9
- Gen. 4:1 But now man must come from the woman – forms man's respect of her
NT - 1Cor. 11:11-12
- Gen. 2:23 Woman is from and *is* man's flesh – forms man's value of her
NT - Eph. 5:28-31
- Gen. 2:22 Woman given to the man by Lord – she is gifted to man for he is the covenant head
NT – Eph. 5:22-24 / 1Cor. 11:9 (see Mal. 2:14 on whose covenant)
- Gen. 2:24 Man is told to leave father and mother – shows marriage puts man in a new role
NT – Matt. 19:5
- Gen. 2:24 Man is told cleave (join) to the woman – security: dividing (divorce) not the plan
NT - Mark 10:6-12 / 1Cor. 7:10,11
- Gen. 2:24 Man is told cleave (join) to the woman – this forms a union: two become one
NT - Matt. 19:5-6 / Eph. 5:31
- Gen. 2:25 In this union nakedness (sexual rights) aren't shameful
NT - Heb. 13:4 / 1Cor. 7:1-5
- Gen. 3:16 Husband to have rule over woman – yet her desire is to be to him (submitting)
NT - 1Cor. 11:3, 7 / Eph. 5:22, 24
- Gen. 2:23 Adam gives her species name – Woman (out of man / *she is me*, my flesh)
NT - Eph. 5:31 / John 2:4
- Gen. 3:20 Adam with his responsibility gives woman her personal name – *Eve*
NT - 2Cor. 11:3
- Gen. 5:2 God, because the two are one, called *their* name “*Adam*” (man)
NT - Matt. 4:4 / 1Cor. 2:11 ('man' a generic word here that includes the woman)

“They two shall be one flesh”: the highest human relationship on earth

1. *Morally One*: Sexual relations are not sinful. God refers to the sexual relationship as “knowing” your wife. There are intimate feelings of the heart and soul that reveal each other that no one else ever knows. In fact, it is only mankind that views each other face to face when having intimate relations.
2. *Legally One*: share responsibility, debts, children and same name
3. *Intellectually One*: while having different personalities (which you want to value) and roles, they begin to share thinking, learning and planning together
4. *Emotionally One*: share common feelings and concerns. One is affected by the other's feelings
5. *Physically One*: no separate rights to one's own body
6. *Spiritually One*: share inner thoughts and ways of their spirits
7. *Reputationally One*: the action of one effects the perception of the other