

### Mysteries of the Kingdom Ephesians Part 34

*“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery- but I am talking about Christ and the church.”*

Ephesians 5:31-32

Paul has been talking about how a man must treat his wife and how a woman must treat her husband. There are many things to be gleaned from Ephesians 5:22-33. But as Paul finalized the husband-wife relationship he makes it known that the church is to treat Christ the same way. In the verses above I only want to focus on one thing. Paul says that in order for there to be true harmony in the marriage relationship the man is to leave his father and mother. The word *leave* is a very strong word. It means to separate yourself or cut off the previous family relationship. We get our word *apostasy* from it. Apostasy is when one leaves the faith to follow the world again.

Unity is not possible if one is not willing to separate. Jesus did it for you. Think about it. He left his Father to come to earth to be one with you and me. Now He is challenging us as the church to leave the worldly mindset, the earthy governments and the fallen nature for Him and His Kingdom.

When you gave your life to Christ you entered a new Kingdom. That does not mean you submitted to it. When you were saved you became a member of a new family. That does not mean you have fully joined it.

In order to have a true marriage you must leave - separate - yourself from your father and mother. Your marriage is a new family institution. The head of the wife is the husband and the head of the husband is Christ. When you became a believer you were born into a new family. Now you must separate yourself from the worldly systems and mindsets while still living in it. The head of this family is Christ. He is also the King of the one true Kingdom, for the kingdoms of men will submit to His authority sooner or later.

Here is a secret: the degree you submit to Jesus in the Kingdom that you were born into determines the amount of spiritual authority you will walk in. I hear many believers wondering why one brother has victory and another does not. I hear one say that they have little peace and another who is walking in perfect peace. Victory, peace, anointing, giftedness, well, you name it, they all come from Jesus. He gives the Spirit without measure to the one who submits to Him.

Look at your life. How submitted are you? Where are you looking for a breakthrough? Look at your life and see if this trial is self-induced because you are not leaving a worldly standard for the Kingdom standard. We will continue to look at this passage but I am convinced that blessing is released by submission to the King. He is the head of every believer. If we want more of the Kingdom we must have more of Him. In order for that to happen we need to have a John the Baptist's mentality, "He must increase, I must decrease."