

The *Mystery* of Oneness

Ephesians 5:32
Message

Husbands and wives must cultivate comprehensive oneness as a visible example of Christ's oneness with His Church

The Mystery of Oneness

Eph 5:32

Comprehensive oneness in marriage is a mystery



This mystery is more significant than you might realize



This mystery illustrates the oneness between Christ and His Church

“Mystery”

- A truth in God’s plan that was previously hidden from mankind which they could not discover on their own, but in God’s timing has been revealed
- Eph 3:3, 4, 9; 6:16 - Mystery = Jew and Gentile brought together in the Church
- Rom 11:25 - Mystery = partial hardening of Israel during the church age

Mystery - Two Aspects

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Comprehensive nature
of marriage oneness

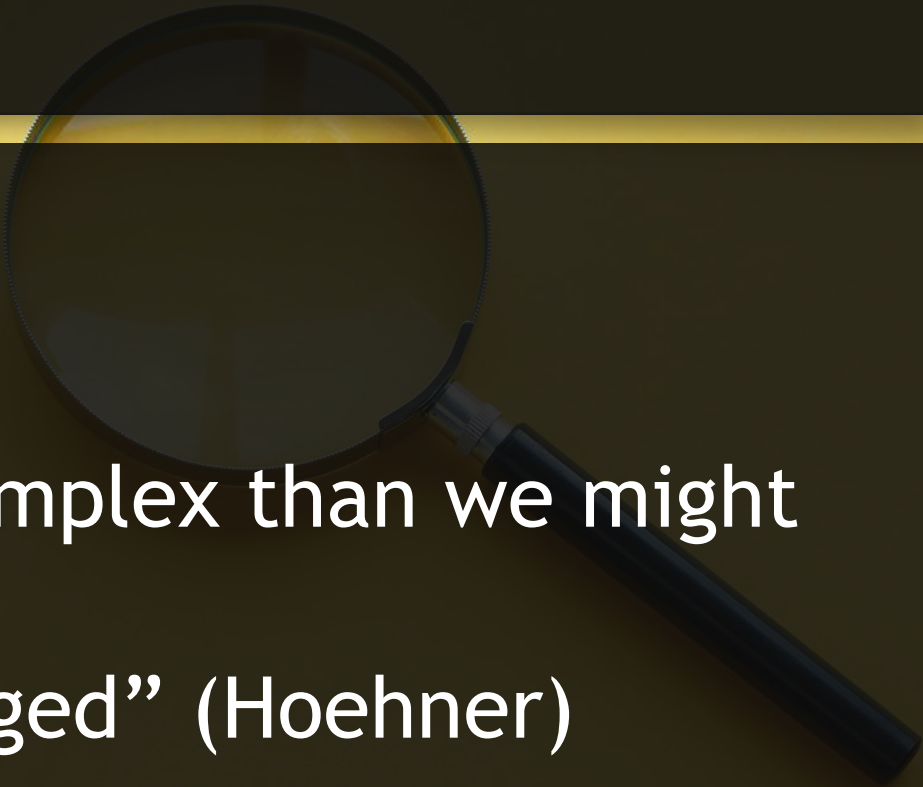
("flesh" = whole "self"
(Eph 5:28))

Illustrates

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Oneness between Christ
and His Church

“Great”

- Important and profound
 - Its significance is more complex than we might realize
 - This mystery is “two-pronged” (Hoehner)
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“The Christian husband displays what he thinks of
Christ by the way he treats his wife”

John MacArthur, *Moments of Truth:
Unleashing God’s Word One Day at
a Time*

Oneness between Christ and His Church

Leading

As Head, Christ leads the church (Eph 1:23; Col 1:18)

Protecting

He is the Savior of the body (Eph 5:23)

Oneness between Christ and His Church

Providing

- Status change for us from hostility and alienation toward God to peace and reconciliation (Eph 2:14-16)
- Privilege of being indwelt by our Triune God as Their temple (Eph 2:19-22)
- Provides for us to know Him in fullness (Eph 3:17-19)

Oneness between Christ and His Church

Providing

- Privilege of participating in the love that is enjoyed within the Trinity (Jn 17:21-23, 26)
- His joy (Jn 15:11; 17:13)
- He shares with us His inheritance (Eph 3:6)

Oneness between Christ and His Church

Providing

- Communication and common goals (Jn 15:7)
He speaks through His words, we speak to Him in prayer
- His power:
 - ✓ To bear fruit (Jn 15:1-17)
 - ✓ To carry out His mission (Eph 1:23; Col 1:18)
 - ✓ To grow as His body (Eph 4:11-16; Col 2:19)