

"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female."

Matthew 19:4

Jesus goes back to the <u>authority</u> of Scripture for his view on marriage.

God created Males and Females to both equally yet uniquely bear the image of God.

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

And he said, "This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Matthew 19:5

## Leave and **Cleave**

And he said, "This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

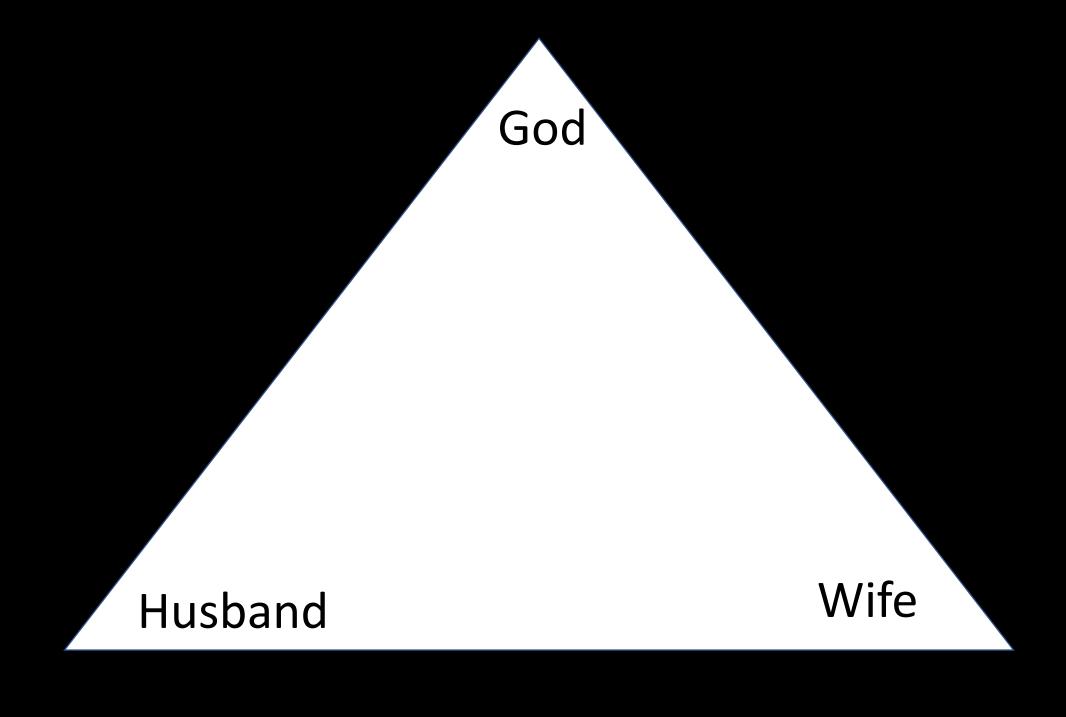
Matthew 19:5-6

God's original intent was for sex <u>inside</u> of marriage.

God designed marriage as a <u>lifelong</u> bond and for companionship.

- As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.
- Ephesians 5:31-32

Your marriage is a living model of Jesus' relationship to the church.



## God **Husband Wife**