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Mutuality of Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-7

After God created man and woman, He ordained the institution of marriage. He pronounced specific demands and privileges for the married couple. The church in Corinth taught contrary to what God had pronounced. Part of the faulty teaching was the failure to recognize the mutual demands and privileges of each spouse in the marriage.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 1:26-27, 2:24

1 Timothy 4:1-3

Revelation 19:6-8, 21:1-9

Ephesians 5:22-33

Hebrews 13:4

Outline:

1. Marriage requires mutual satisfaction.

2. Marriage requires mutual submission.

3. Marriage requires mutual commitment.

Study Questions:

1. Why does Paul confront the extreme argument of celibacy between husband and wife in marriage? What is forfeited when this occurs in a marriage?

2. How is submission a negative concept in society today? Why is mutual submission necessary for marriage? How does it signify unity in the marriage?

3. Why does marriage require commitment? How do people in general struggle with commitment? How has this impacted marriages?

4. Why does Jesus use marriage as an analogy between Himself and His church?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?