**Marriage**

**Genesis 2:18,23, 24**

**18** The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."… **23** The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, [[a](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=gen%202:18,%2023,%2024&version=NIV#fen-NIV-54a)] ' for she was taken out of man." **24** For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

**1 Corinthians 7:1-5, 10-16**

## 1Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry.[[a](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20cor%207:1-5,%2010-16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28473a)] 2But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. 3The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. 5Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control…. 10To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. 11But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. 12To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. 13And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. 14For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. 15But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. 16How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

## 2 Corinthians 6:14 (New International Version)

**14**Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

## Ephesians 5:21-22 (New International Version)

**21**Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.