

In Christ: Christian Marriage
Ephesians 5:18-33; 1 Peter 3:1-9

A Christian Marriage Requires Nothing Less Than to Be Filled with the Spirit of Christ

– Eph 5:18

- The Spirit of Christ expressing His nature through us
 - ...Spirit-filled maleness will sacrificially love – Eph 5:25
 - ...Spirit-filled femaleness will submissively love – Eph 5:24
- Both expressions have the power to influence the other for good – Eph 5:33
 - ...She with an affirming and respectful love – 1 Pet 3:2,4
 - ...He with a protective and beautifying love – 1 Pet 3:7
- Both expressions are built upon a mutual subjection – Eph 5:21
 - ...When agreement cannot be reached there is an appointed head – Eph 5:23; Matt 12:25

Purposeful Expressions of Each for the Other: Ro 5:8; 1 Jo 3:18

- The Intent to Endure – Matt 19:6; Heb 13:5; Phil 1:6
 - ...God's love in me for you will never die – 1 Cor 13
 - ...Loyally protect and lovingly nourish the relationship – Song of Sol 8:6-7
- The Intent to Accept One Another – Ro 15:7
 - ...Accepting one another's differences/uniquenesses
 - ...As God's call to love as He loves – 1 Cor 13
- The Intent to Serve One Another – Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:27
 - ...A servant pays the price so others go free – Phil 2:5-8
 - ...The only way to overcome the world is through submissive and sacrificial love
 - 1 Jo 4:7 - 1 Jo 5:5

In Spirit Filled Marriages, We Are Learning to Be to One Another What Jesus Christ Is to Us!