


**STAYING MARRIED ISN'T  
ABOUT STAYING IN LOVE**

**Marriage**

**PART 1 OF 2**



A close-up photograph of a gold wedding ring with a simple band design, resting on a document. The document contains text about marriage, with the word 'marriage' appearing multiple times. The text is slightly blurred, emphasizing the ring in the foreground.

# **MARRIAGE IS GOD'S WORK AND GOD'S DISPLAY**



**“From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate”**

**Mark 10:6–9**

**Quoting Genesis 2:24**

**“This mystery is profound, but I  
am talking about Christ and the  
church”**

**Ephesians 5:31-32**

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**MARRIAGE IS BUILT ON  
GRACE**

# SALVATION BY GRACE

“13 And when you were **dead** in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you **alive** with him and **forgave** us all our trespasses. 14 He **erased** the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.”


Colossians 2:13–14

# GRACE IS BETTER THAN EMOTION

Feelings come and feelings go, And feelings  
are deceiving; My warrant is the Word of  
God -- Naught else is worth believing.

Martin Luther





**MARRIAGE CANNOT  
BE SUSTAINED BY  
ROMANCE AND  
EMOTION ALONE**



# THE CALL OF THE HUSBAND

Husbands, **love** your wives,  
just **as Christ loved the church**  
and **gave** himself for her”

Ephesians 5:25

# THE CALL OF THE WIFE

Wives, **submit** to your husbands **as to the Lord**, because the husband is the head of the wife **as Christ** is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. Now as the church **submits** to Christ, **so also** wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24



# THE CALL OF THE WIFE

Wives, **submit** yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the **Lord**.

Colossians 3:18

# WHAT DOES SUBMIT MEAN?

- to arrange under, to subordinate
- to subject, put in subjection
- to subject one's self, obey
- to submit to one's control
- to yield to one's admonition or advice
- to obey, be subject



# WHAT DOES SUBMIT MEAN?

## MILITARY USAGE

"to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader"

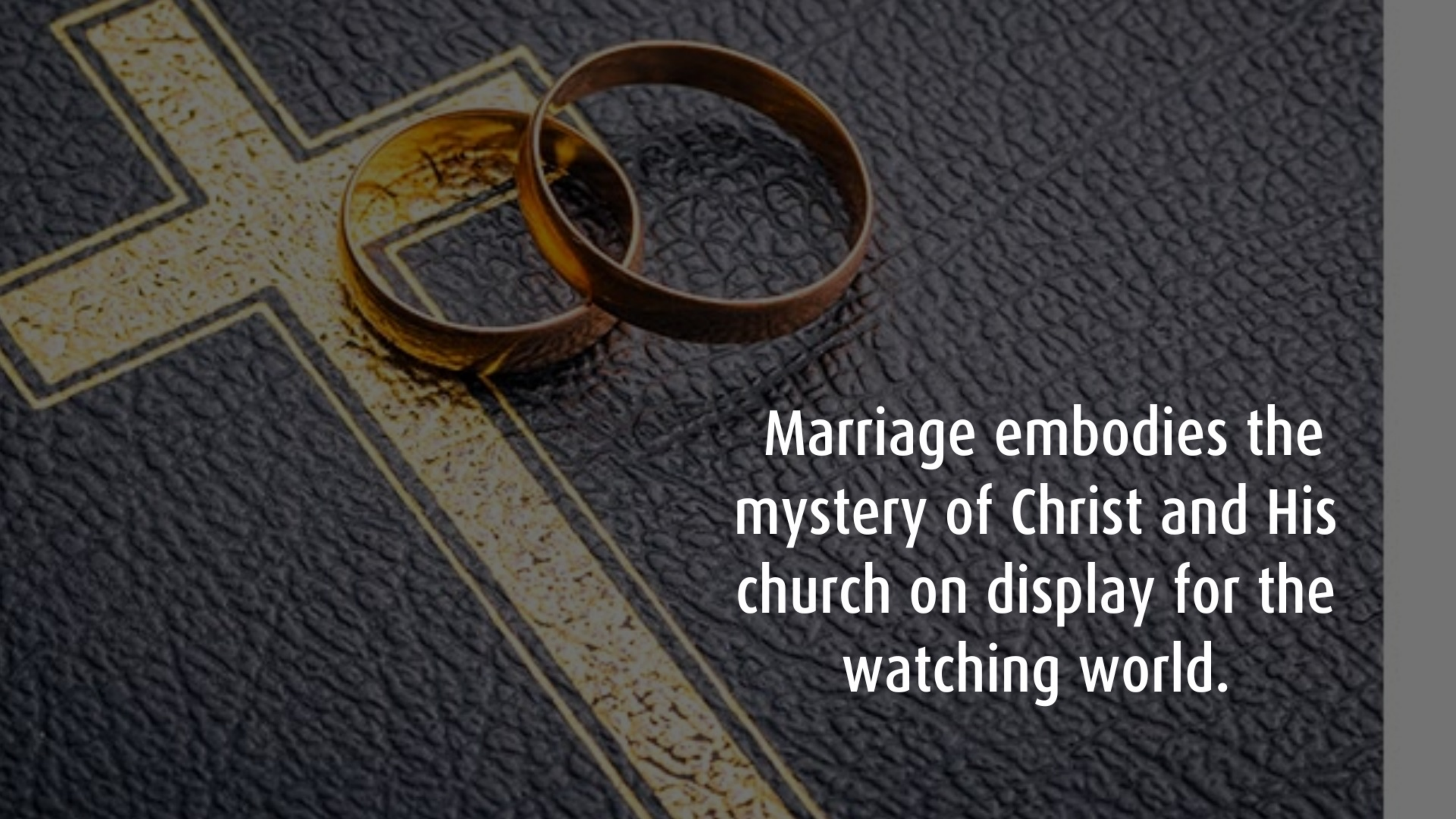


# WHAT DOES SUBMIT MEAN?

## NON-MILITARY USAGE

"a **voluntary** attitude of giving in,  
**cooperating**, assuming responsibility, and  
carrying a burden"





Marriage embodies the  
mystery of Christ and His  
church on display for the  
watching world.



Marriage Is A  
Living Breathing  
Parable of the  
Gospel





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