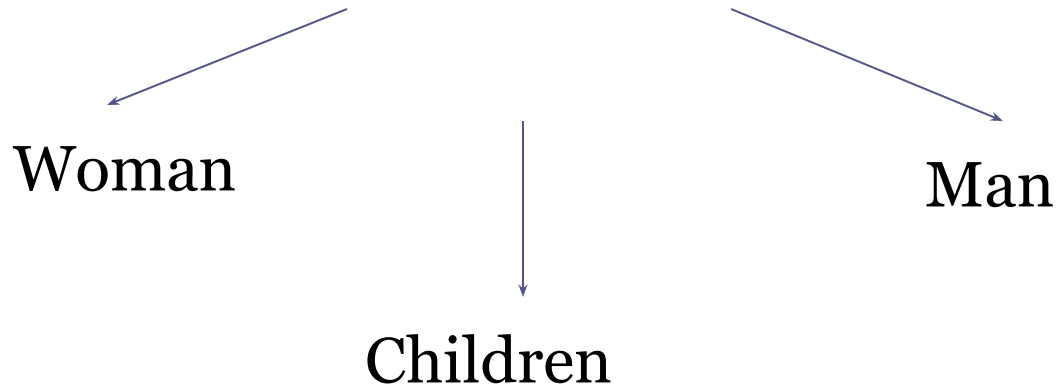


Christian Family



◆ Constitution of the Christian Family



“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God. He created him; male and female He created them.”

Genesis 1:27

Proofs from the Bible

- “God created human beings; He created them male and female. God blessed them: Prosper! Reproduce! Fill the Earth! Take charge!” Genesis 1:27
- “This is the family tree of the human race: When God created the human race, He made it godlike, with a nature akin to God. He created both male and female and blessed them, the whole human race.” Genesis 5:1-2

Proofs from the Bible

- “And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.”
Genesis 6:19
- “Two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.” Genesis 7:9

Proofs from the Bible

- Jesus said to the Pharisees:
“ But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” Mark 10:6-8

Christian Marriage

- Marriage is one of the holy sacraments in our church in which the man and woman become one in Christ.
- God is the foundation of the Christian family.

Christian Marriage

- God is the intermediate member between the spouses. What God united, no man can separate.
- Spouses can not have a successful Christian marriage unless each initially is married to Christ (commits his or her life to Christ).

Unity in Marriage

- Marriage is a mystery of unity with God.
- God unites the two people into one by love.
- Husbands and wives live with God in a state similar to Adam's and Eve's relationship with God.

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Mark 10:7-9

Man in God = One

Woman in God = one

(Man in God) + (Woman in God)

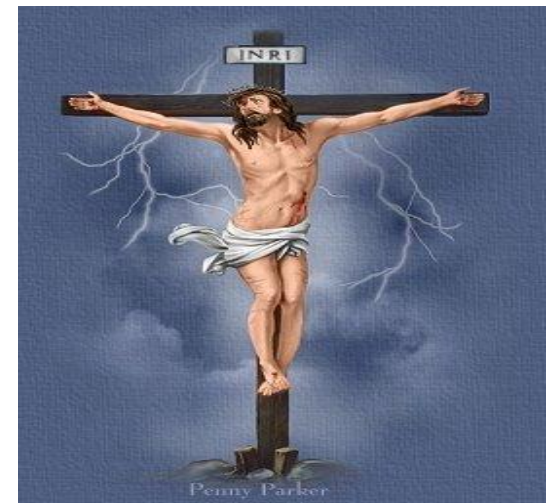
through the sacrament of marriage



One body in God

Love in the Christian Marriage

- Husbands and wives should love as Jesus loved the church and sacrificed Himself for us.
- Each spouse offers love and puts the other person above himself or herself. Each spouse sacrifices himself or herself to make the other person happy.



The main responsibilities of each family member

- The man and women are comparable but each has different roles.
- God created them different to complete each other.

And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” Genesis 2:18

1- The Man (The husband)

God gave the man a special role, which is the priest in his family. He leads his family in God's way. He is also the main one responsible to provide the family what it needs by working.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.”
Ephesians 5:25

2- The Woman (The wife)

God created the woman in a different way to complete her husband's role, to give birth and take care of their children.

The woman also guides her family in God's way.

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:22

3- The Children

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” Ephesians 6:1-3

The children’s role is to obey and respect their parents. Children should also help around the house because they are part of the family.

How to Keep the Family Unity

- Through the family altar:
praying together, reading the Bible together.
- Attending the church and taking Communion together.

