

³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.—Ephesians 5:31–33

²¹ I in them and you in me, that they may become **perfectly one**, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.—John 17:21

The challenge of perfect oneness between two sinners.

1. Transfer of _____, v. 31
2. God's goal from the beginning of time has always been perfect oneness. Marriage is a _____.
v. 32; John 17:21
3. It's a lifelong pursuit of oneness, mutual service, and love.
Husband: love and lead _____
Wife: submit _____
Jesus _____ to be perfectly one

Discussion and reflection for understanding and growth

- Why is marriage such a foundational Christian concept?
- How can Journey offer more grace to singles and the divorced?
- What areas of preference do you find hard to let go of?
- If married, what goals can you set to become more perfectly one?
- "I'm intimidated of the thought of getting married."
- "I would like to begin praying more regularly with my spouse."
- "I confess and repent of my _____ to my spouse."