

**“Marriage and the Gospel of Christ”****Genesis 2:15-25****I. God Created Marriage (2:18)****A. Cultural Mandate (1:28)****B. “Helper”—16 out of 19 times in the Old Testament this word refers to God.****C. “Fit”—like opposite****D. Complementarianism****E. Marriage is a sacred bond (covenant) between a man and a woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God, normally consummated by sexual intercourse.”****(Dr. Andreas Kostenberger)****II. God Gives and Governs Our Desire for Marriage (2:19-23)****A. God gives us the desire to get married.****B. God governs our desire for marriage.****1. God made a woman for Adam to marry.****2. Marry a Christian. (2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 7:39)****III. God Designed Marriage to Be the Highest of All Earthly Relationships (2:24-25)****A. Four Principles of Marriage****1. Severance (“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother”)****2. Permanence (“and hold fast to his wife”)****3. Unity (“and they shall become one flesh”)****4. Intimacy (“And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”)****B. Ephesians 5:31-32.****Conclusion****The Gospel Definition**