

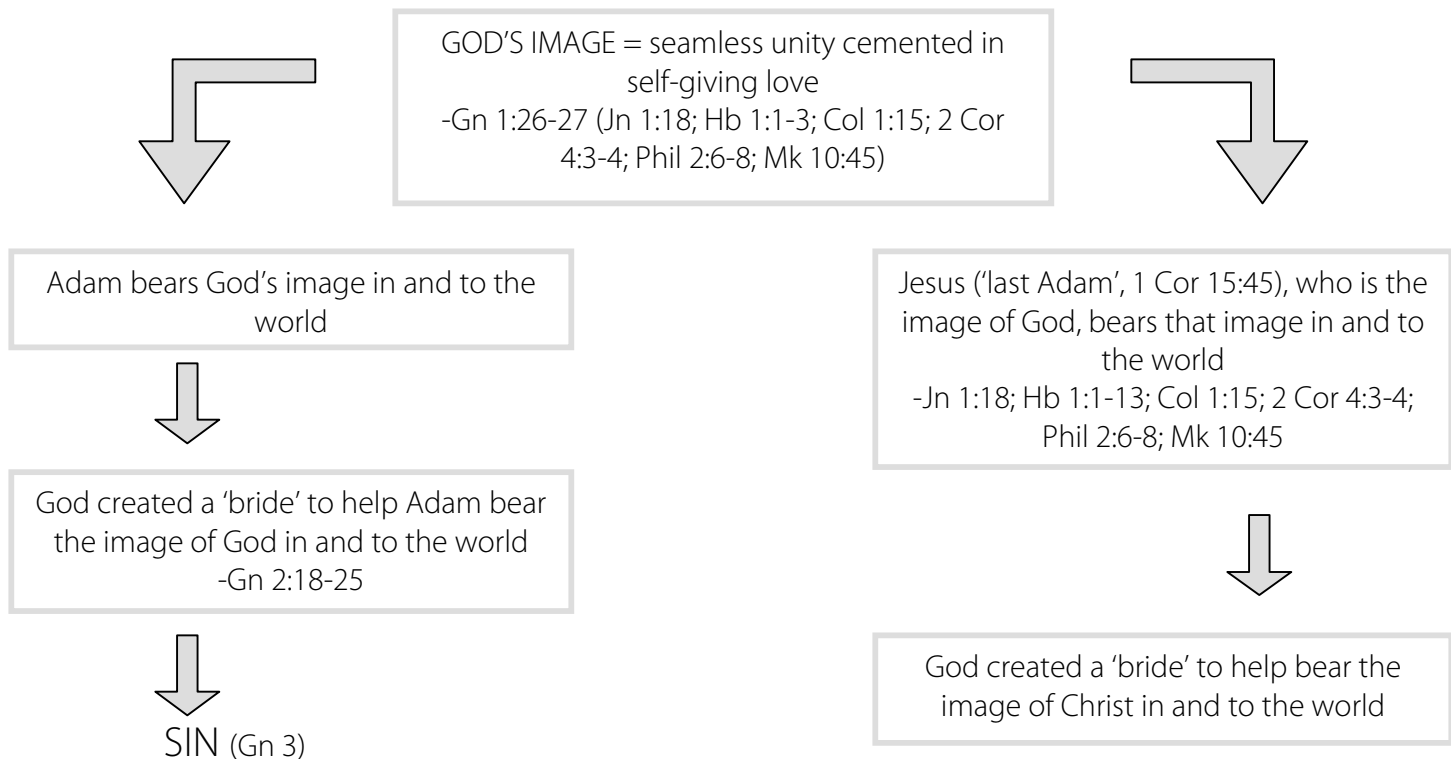
## Refining & Redefining Relationships: Saving and Savoring Marriage (Part Two)

### The Picture of Marriage

*Ephesians 5:22-33*

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INTRODUCTION:



1. Wives selflessly portray the submissive church  
*Ephesians 5:22-24*

2. Husbands selflessly portray our loving Savior  
*Ephesians 5:25-30*

3. Mysterious summary:

This seamless relationship requires simple roles, 5:31-33

APPLICATION:

**How does God's picture for marriage impact my own?**

1. It grounds my marriage in something much bigger than 'us'.
2. It elevates the purpose and reason for my marriage.
3. It sweetens every act of humble service in my marriage.
4. It leads me to pursue marriage only with one who is 'in Christ'.
5. It keeps divorce from becoming a viable option in my marriage.
6. It keeps Jesus absolutely at the center of my marriage.