

## **Marriage & Family:**

**REAL HOPE:** Ever felt hopeless? Have you thought that your situation is broken beyond repair? Are you convinced that things will never change? Biblical counseling offers the possibility of *real hope* because it aims at the real heart of the problem: the issues of the heart. The Bible says "*Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life*" [Proverbs 4:23]

God said it was not good for man to be alone so He made a helper suitable to him. Man & Wife is the answer to the companionship issue; the two become one flesh. When a man and woman marry they multiply the number of sinners living under the same roof; there are bound to be problems that need solving. Scripture tells sinners what to do about sin. Married sinners can find hope for their life together in the Word of God.

**REAL HELP:** The Word of God offers real help, because God alone has given us "*all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him...*" [2 Peter 1:3]. And as the Psalmist put it "*Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth*" [Psalm 124:8].

How can a husband love his wife like Christ loved the church? How can a wife submit to her husband as to the Lord? These are not popular concepts in today's way of thinking; but God's idea about marriage is a better plan than Hollywood or the culture.

**LOVE:** Love your neighbor Matt. 5:43 ~ your spouse and children are your closest neighbors. Love your wives Eph. 5:25 ~ we have a responsibility to put others before ourselves and to do those things that bless them and are for their good...this is the essence of LOVE. Love your enemies Matt 5:44 ~ hopefully, your wife and children are not your enemy! Whatever is going on in your home love is the answer. Biblical love according to God's word will improve your marriage, home, work and social life.