

I. THEY ARE HEIRS: THE WORTH AND STANDING OF WIVES IN CHRIST

- A. Wives have inherent worth as image-bearers of God (**Genesis 1:27**).
- B. Their value is given by God, not earned by performance or cultural standards.
- C. A husband's treatment of his wife reflects his view of God and His image.

Key Point: Honoring your wife begins with seeing her the way God sees her.

II. WITH YOU: GOD'S DESIGN FOR SHARED PARTNERSHIP IN MARRIAGE

- A. Marriage is a divine partnership where husband and wife are one flesh (**Genesis 2:24**).
- B. Both are heirs of salvation, equally redeemed and loved (**Galatians 3:28-29**).
- C. Oneness in marriage reflects Christ's union with His church (**Ephesians 5:31-32**).

Key Point: Marriage is not competition but cooperation: A living picture of the gospel.

III. OF THE GRACE OF LIFE: THE GOSPEL THAT MAKES US CO-HEIRS

- A. The "grace of life" is the salvation and eternal inheritance believers share in Christ.
- B. Husbands can honor their wives rightly only when they rest in their own acceptance in Christ.
- C. Christ, the true and better Husband, has already granted full approval and favor (**Ephesians 1:6-8**).

Key Point: Knowing we are fully approved by God frees us to love and honor without fear or striving.

