

**Marriage Series 2009, (#10)**  
**“IT TAKES TWO TO BE ONE”**

Today most Americans still believe in monogamous marriage (90% believe in it). But they also believe in divorce from marriage and family if unhappy (50% divorce from it).

**50 years ago** the same percentage of American believed in marriage (90%). But only **2%** believed in divorce except under the most severe of cases (criminal violence and adultery or fornication).

What has happened within our culture within the last 50 years? The age old problem of OMCD (old man cosmos diabolicus) thinking of conformity to world – “And do not be conformed to this world.” (Rom.12:2a/ warning)

What does OMCD thinking of **conformity to the world** mean? “In whose case the god of this world has blinded the **minds of the unbelieving ones.**” (2 Cor.4:4a) “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.” (1 John 5:19) “For he is a liar, and the father of lies.” (John 8:44b)

Today’s lesson is about the first married couple in human history. Adam and Eve’s marriage was affected by the same doctrinal principle of CD thinking of conformity to world. It destroyed their marriage and corrupted their offspring, the human race - “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.” (1 Cor.15:22) Jesus was born outside AOS (Luke 1:34-35).

<b>This lesson will study five aspects of “IT TAKES TWO TO BE ONE.”</b>
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**1. When Adam and Eve were married, they understood the doctrinal principle “It takes two to be ONE.”**

“And the man said, ‘this is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called woman (ishah) because she was taken out of man (ish). **For this cause** a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; **and they shall become one flesh.**” (Gen.2:23-24/ note the 5 things underlined)

As long as they operated under NMDV (new man divine viewpoint) thinking, their marriage was compatible with the word and plan of God.

NMDV allowed them to be compatible with each other in God’s plan – ONENESS. Their oneness is described this way – “And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.” (Gen.2:25)

Then what happened? How did they become engaged in CD thinking of conformity to the world?

**2. The angelic conflict involves Satan attack upon the plan of God among the lives of the human race.**

Satan attacks the lives of both unbelievers and believers.

Unbeliever – “In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” (2 Cor.4:4)

Believer – “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the **evil one** comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.” (Matt.13:19)

This is what happened to Adam and Eve as believers.

**3. Gen.3:1-7 explains how Satan was able to snatch away the word of God that was not understood from the heart of a believer.**

Eve was deceived by Cosmos Diabolicus (CD) lies (1 Tim.2; 11-14; 2 Cor.11:3).

Cosmos diabolicus consists of the **lies** that Satan perpetuates against the truth of the word of God – “You shall not die.” (Gen.3:4; **2:17**) “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Gen.3:5; **1:26-27; 2:16-17**)

They became a target in AC when they became spiritually incompatible and began to drift apart and to leave rather than to cleave -“When the woman saw (CD) **that** the tree was good for food, **and that** it was a delight to the eyes, **and that** the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband **with her**, and he ate.” (3:6)

Now Adam and Eve are no longer ONE in Christ nor ONE in marriage nor one in their universe (Rom.5:12-21; 8:18-25). Adam believes that the only way he can save his marriage was to disobey the word of God. He believes he must leave the Lord in order to cleave to Eve (more CD thinking of conformity to world).

**Doctrinal principle:** “And do not give the devil and opportunity.” (Eph.4:27)

**Doctrinal principle:** “And they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive to do his will.” (2Tim.2:26)

**4. Now we learn that the doctrinal principle, “It takes two to be one,” can have both a positive and negative side.**

It depends on the believer volition towards the word and plan of God for their lives.

**Adam chose to be one in his marriage without Christ and without obedience to the truth of God’s word.**

They allowed the devil to snatch away the very word that emphasizes the importance of their spiritual relationship with Christ and each other. This is what is happening in the American church today with 50% divorces.

There was once a time when “They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day” and it excited their hearts because of their positive relationship with the Lord God.

But now their hearts have changed from NMDV to OMCD thinking -“And the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.” (Gen.3:8) “And he (Adam) said, I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” (Gen.3:10)

**5. Based on today’s statistic’s of divorce among American Christians, it appears as if WE have accepted the age old CD lie that marriage is a human institution (man’s) rather than divine institution (God’s) (Gen.2:18-25; Matt.19:3-12; Eph.5:22:33).**

As a result, we are treating marriage like a **commodity of life**. When you get tired of it, get rid of it and get another. Jesus addressed this problem by explaining – “What God has joined together, let no man separate.” (Matt.19:6)

“Because of your hardness of hearts, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; **but from the beginning it has not been this way.**” (Matt.19:8)

**Stop running away from your marital problems and spiritual weaknesses and start running to God and to His power** – “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.” (2 Cor.12:9)