

**GENESIS 1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

**GENESIS 2 20** So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam<sup>f</sup> no suitable helper was found. **21** So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs<sup>g</sup> and then closed up the place with flesh. **22** Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib<sup>h</sup> he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

**23**The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called ‘woman,’  
for she was taken out of man.”

**24**That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**EPHESIANS 5: 31**“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”<sup>c</sup> **32**This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33**However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.