

Christian Marriage

Texts: Genesis 2:18–25; Ephesians 5:21–33; Colossians 3:18,19; 1 Peter 3:1–7

Introduction

Christian marriage is a legal contract between a man and a woman, the state, and God. Even though marriage contains its imperfections, adverse situations, and differences, it also contains its joys, strengths, and potentials for growth.

What does a good, productive, successful Christian marriage involve?

Message

1. Commitment.

Commitment is more than feeling. It is a continuous and voluntary state of dedication to one spouse for as long as he or she lives. Christian marriage means commitment to:

- a. Christ—knowing Jesus helps to build a strong home.
- b. Christian cause—influencing others for Christ.
- c. Companion—in good times and adverse times.
- d. Children—raising them in a Christian atmosphere.
- e. Compromise—flexibility in relationships.

2. Communication.

Communication is more than talking.

It involves listening to words, feelings, and expressions, and then understanding these messages sent to the listener. Communication in a Christian marriage can be:

- a. Peaceful—calm and caring answers.
- b. Pure—wholesome language is a healing balm.
- c. Positive—uplifting words.
- d. Patient—allowing time to communicate effectively.
- e. Productive—“I love you.” “I’m sorry.”

3. Companionship.

Companionship means that male and female leave their family of origin and form a new family unit.

This Christian union can be:

- a. Loving—forgiving, accepting, and intimate.
- b. Lifting—helping and encouraging.
- c. Liberating—individuality, yet oneness.
- d. Lasting—“till death do us part.”

Conclusion

Christian marriage is meant to be a fulfilling experience. A marriage relationship involves two imperfect persons who have different backgrounds and personalities. A Christian couple can utilize their backgrounds and personalities to build a complementary Christian marital relationship. This Christian union has the potential for being joyful and growthful when Jesus Christ is in control of each spouse and the marriage relationship.

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