

WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

1. A union or partnership of two people who have vowed to live together all the days of their lives.
2. A marriage is a witness to the love which exists between a man and woman who have chosen each other, or have been chosen for each other.

LOVE IS:

1. A learned emotion much more than lust
2. Progressive relationship between a husband and wife
3. Few people marry for true love
4. Four Greek words to describe various kinds of Love
 - a. Eros – passion, lust, sex etc.
 - b. Philos – strong affection, across a wide range of relationships
 - c. Storgae – family love, old shoe comfortable love
 - d. Agapae – Perfect, God given love. Sinless, selfless, sacrificial

WHY DO PEOPLE MARRY?

1. Socially acceptable
2. Companionship
3. For sexual fulfillment
4. To establish a home
5. To raise children
6. For security
7. Emotions over the will of God

LOVE GOD'S WAY I Cor. 13:1-8

If Love is as God declares it to be, it will be established before marriage, demonstrated in marriage and grow through marriage.

GOD'S TEACHING ABOUT THE FAMILY

- I. The Lord speaks about the Family relationship Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7, 8
 - A. Marriage, then is the ultimate relationship for the human race.
 1. As Christ died for His church, man should be ready to die for his wife if necessary. Ultimate Love – see Eph. 5:21-33
 2. Man is to leave his parents and establish his own home without outside influences except God and His Word.
 3. CLEAVE – suggests glue together.
 4. Other than Christ and His Church –marriage is the closest relationship and it should be the finest and most fulfilling of all relationships and most joyful.
 5. Choosing the right mate is important.
 6. Only the Holy Spirit can glue the emotions and minds together so it cannot be broken.
 7. Cleaving is a process.
- II. The Lord speaks of Parenting Gen. 1:28
 - 1.5 million Babies are being aborted every year in the USA
 - A. Child bearing is to be a joy not a liability for both father and mother – prayed for.
 - B. The world needs children born and reared in a Christian atmosphere.
 - C We need spirit-filled Christians who will train up their children – Prov. 22:6
 - D. Christian children should be the stabilizing force in our culture.

- III. The Lord speaks against unfaithfulness. Exodus 20:14, 17; Mal. 2:12-16