

SERMON NOTES PM

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT

So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matthew 19:6)

Marriage ordained by _____ in the beginning. *Genesis 2:18-25 (p 3)*

Sin destroyed the relationship *Genesis 3:16 (p 4)*

God takes marriage _____

Leviticus 20:10 (p 135); Deuteronomy 22:22 (p 227); Malachi 2:16 (p 1106); Matthew 5:31-32 (p 1116)

Marriage is a covenant of responsible love, a fellowship of repentance and forgiveness. (Wayne Oates)

David Augsburg defines marriage by first asking,

"Is marriage a private action of two persons in love, or a public act of two pledging a contract?"

Then he goes on to say, "Neither. It is something other. Very much other."

MARRIAGE: _____ OR _____ ?

Marriage is a Spiritual Covenant

It is sacred – *Matthew 19:6 (p 1134)* "What God has joined together"

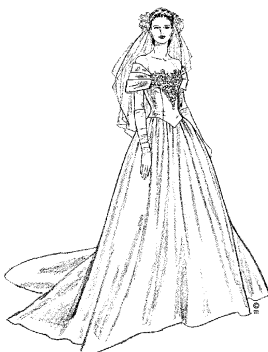
A covenant is based on _____; a contract on _____.

A covenant is lifelong and not to be broken; a contract can be voided by mutual consent.

Genesis 9:81-7 (p 9)

The marriage ceremony (Brent Hunter)

- ✓ Groom enters first
- ✓ Father gives bride away
- ✓ Ring is a "token of the covenant"
- ✓ Changing of names
- ✓ The guest book
- ✓ The receiving line
- ✓ The reception food
- ✓ Eating the cake



WHAT MAKES MARRIAGE LAST?

"Commit" - verb that means to do or perform

God's perspective of marriage: _____

Genesis 2:18 (p 3)

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Proverbs 5:15-21 (p 730); 1 Peter 3:7 (p 1392)

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- ⇐ WITH GOD *Matthew 19:6 (p 1134)*
- ⇐ WITH THE WORD OF GOD *Ecclesiastes 5:1-5 (p 767)*
- ⇐ WITH EACH OTHER *Hebrews 13:4 (p 1384)*



Philippians 2:1-5 (p 1349)

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.
(MATTHEW 5:16)

John Milton observed, "Loneliness was the first thing God's eye named not good." A happy marriage is a long conversation that always seems too short. (Andre M. Aurois)

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DOES CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MATTER?

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)

Acts 2:40-47 (p 1254)

"I will build my church" Matthew 16:18 (p 1131)

THE CHURCH AT JERUSALEM

- Fellowship Acts 4:23-24 (p 1257)
- Prayer Acts 4:31 (p 1257)
- Benevolence Acts 4:32 (p 1257)
- Fear Acts 5:11 (p 1258)



- Evangelism Acts 5:28 (p 1258)
- Widows Acts 6:1 (p 1259)
- Persecution Acts 8:1 (p 1262)

The Universal and Local Church

_____ church Acts 2:47 (p 1255); Ephesians 5:23 (p 1346)
 _____ churches Acts 14:21-23 (p 1272)

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

Christ is the HEAD Colossians 1:18 (p 1353)

Structure in the church Ephesians 4:11-12 (p 1345)

ANTIOCH Acts 12:25-13:3 (p 1269)

_____ Acts 6:2 (p 1259)
 Prophets Acts 11:27-28 (p 1268)
 _____ Acts 8:26-40 (p 1263)
 Pastors Acts 20:17 (p 1281)
 _____ Acts 18:26 (p 1278)

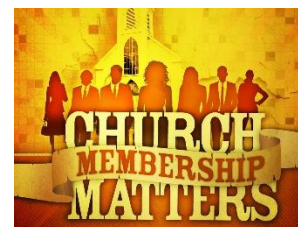
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- ✓ Paul tried to _____ the Jerusalem church Acts 9:26-28 (p 1264)
- ✓ Paul warned the Ephesians elders Acts 20:28-29 (p 1281) "come in among you, not sparing the flock"
- ✓ The church at Corinth 1 Corinthians 5:1, 4 (p 1313-1314)
- ✓ The church at Philipp had _____ and deacons Philippians 1:1 (p 1348)
- ✓ Qualities of elders and deacons 1 Timothy 3:1-13 (p 1363); Titus 1:5-16 (p 1369)
- ✓ The widows who are included in the _____ 1 Timothy 5:9 (p 1364)

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PLACE MEMBERSHIP WITH A LOCAL CHURCH?

To fulfill the pattern of the NT Church _____ Hebrews 13:17 (p 1385)
 _____ Hebrews 10:24-25 (p 1381)
 _____ Ephesians 4:12-16 (p 1345)

Blessings of the local congregation
 Care for one another Galatians 6:1-2 (p 1341)
 Comfort of saints 2 Cor. 1:3-5 (p 1326)
 Concern for the work 1 Thess. 5:11-14 (p 1358)
 Church discipline 2 Thess. 3:6-15 (p 1361)



TO THE INTENT THAT NOW THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT BE MADE KNOWN BY THE CHURCH TO THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES. (EPHESIANS 3:10)