

Radical (6)

1 Peter 3:1-12 (page 1015)

1. Likewise, wives...
(v1-6)

2. Likewise, husbands...
(v7)

3. Finally, all of you...
(v8-12)

There will be a question time after the talk today. What would you like to ask?

marriage

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Noun 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'.

1. Marriage was part of God's good creation...

'a man...his wife' (Genesis 2:24)
'leave'
'hold fast'
'one flesh'
'a helper fit for him' (Genesis 1:28, 2:18, 2:20)

This definition of marriage is affirmed in every era of the Bible - in the Old Testament (Genesis 2:24), in the gospels by Jesus (Matthew 19:5) and in the era of the church (1 Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 5:31).

2. ...spoiled by the fall...

'a man...his wife' (see Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9, 1 Timothy 1:10)
'leave'
'hold fast'
'one flesh' (see Matthew 19:3-12, 1 Corinthians 7:10-13)
'a helper fit for him' (see 1 Corinthians 7:2)
(see Genesis 3:16-19)

3. ...and redeemed in the gospel...

Trying to put the jigsaw pieces together – show me the picture!

i) The big 'M' Marriage that every Christian is part of

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

'Christ is the head of the church'

1:20-22

'his body'

1:23, 2:19-22, 4:12-16

'himself its Saviour...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her'

1:7, 2:4-6, 2:13, 3:19; 5:2

'that she might be holy and without blemish'

1:4

'the church submits to Christ'

2:10, 4:1-3, 4:24, 5:1-2

So...

- Jesus wants to marry you
- Human marriages are a picture of Christ and the Church ...what a gift to showcase the gospel to the world!
1:12, 3:10, 3:2, 5:8

ii) The little 'm' marriages that are a picture of the big 'M' Marriage

Wives...

'submit to your own husbands' as to the Lord

'in everything'

'respect'

Husbands...

'love your wives' as Christ loved the church

'that she might be holy and without blemish'

'as their own bodies'

4. Marriage has its best days still ahead of it.

Ephesians 5:27, Revelation 19, Revelation 21