

Marriage, A Shadow of our Marriage to Christ

The culmination of our spiritual journey — that we may be married to another, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

If you are purposed to become completed, mature, to become what God has in mind for the human race, these are some truths you are going to have to contend with and make them as real to you as your initial “accepting Christ as your Savior”. You must wonder at times if “this is all there is”. I have some exciting news for you. However, the price to pay is extreme as is any experience with the living God.

I am about to tell you some truths that will do one of several things to you. It will either set you free, offend you, you will reject it, or it will make you jump for joy as it answers some of the dilemmas in your spirit.

If I were to choose a religion to live my life by, the last religion I would choose is Christianity. All religions were meant to make the old Adam man better except Christianity. Christ came to mankind as a gift from our Creator to wipe out the old Adam man and create a new man. Man, being half baked as we all are, has made a religion out of Christ and we are indeed the phoniest of people always acting like something that we are not — hypocrisy, it is called.

Now I am going to bring to light some of the methods we use to try and fulfill the old Adam nature to make us content. God purposely made us wanting until He becomes our shepherd and we can say of a surety, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

Remember always the Bible is written for you and me and all of it pertains to our walk with God. It is a road map back to Him. So please spare me from the old adage, “Oh, that was for ‘back then’.” If you have the Holy Spirit, He will lead and guide you through the scriptures fulfilling them in your life. Only those who lack the Holy Spirit take the Bible literally. The Bible was written by the Holy Spirit and He works it into each

of our lives if we purpose to be conformed to the image of Christ.

Matthew 24:38 — “For as it was in those days so shall it be today. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark.” Then He goes on to tell that they seemed so preoccupied with “the ordinary” they were caught unawares when the visitation of God came and wiped out the old way of life. In other words, “life as we knew it ended today”.

Did you know there are no marriages in the resurrection???? Mark 12:25, Luke 20:34, Matthew 22:30. Did you know the resurrection is as real here and now as receiving Christ as your Savior?? It is very interesting how we take scriptures and delete what we do not want to make a part of our life. “The children of this world marry and are given in marriage. But they which are accounted worthy to obtain that world and the resurrection from the dead neither marry or are given in marriage; neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being children of the resurrection.” (Luke 20:34) This infers that we are spiritually dead and are not the children of God unless we come into the resurrection. Do you hear me? That means that you are dead even though you have received Christ.

Now, tell me what pastor teaches his congregation that truth??? They teach it not because they own their own life and that we are admonished not to do. It is basic Christianity that we own nothing, not even our own life. That we give our bodies as a living sacrifice is an elementary principle.

And if we give our body to God, why would we want to give it to another who cannot subdue his own

lust and desire, say nothing about ruling over another person. Are you getting the picture yet of why people are trying to make something satisfy them that was never meant to satisfy?? If marriage is the answer to our dilemma, let us all marry and be happy and who needs a savior??

Another point to ponder — the Bible says if we cannot contain our lust, we should marry. Note, it never says we should marry to have children — also note this — if marriage kept our penis in our pants, why all the adultery?? Think on these things, oh foolish Christians. Also remember this, divorce is not the answer. The cross and its ability to annihilate our old life is the only answer. The first Adam was meant to live in what Jesus referred to as “this world”, which by the way is hell, and the last Adam which is the perfected, resurrected Christian, lives in “that world” or the “Kingdom of Heaven”.

Now to further drive home my point, let us look at Ephesians 5:30 — “For we are members of his flesh and of his bones.” Note this — we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. Then the surprise comes. He gives us the little song and dance of the marriage vows. “For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and the two shall be one flesh.” How, may I ask can we be one flesh with the Lord and be one flesh with our marriage partner??? Now for the surprise — “This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church.” Well, well, the mystery is a mystery only to those who have not completed what Christ came to do on earth. And that is to be conformed into His image where our will is the

will of our Creator, our flesh is His flesh, and we finally complete our journey and come into that rest with God through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Now, we have come to the time when the waters of Noah are covering the earth and wiping away all flesh, for “flesh and blood” cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

One more admonishment — please read 1 Corinthians 7. Read all the chapter. Verse 29 says that if one is married to be as not married. We all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ alone — no support, no scapegoats, no manipulating — face to face with a holy God. It also says, “He that is married careth for the things of the world, but those who are not married careth for the things of God.” And we know that if we love the world the love of God is not in us. (1 John 2:15)

One more scripture for you to chew on. Revelation 21:9 — “Come hither, I will shew thee the lamb’s wife.” The lamb we know is Christ and His wife is the true church. And yet one more. Isaiah: 54:5 — “For thy Maker is thine husband, the Lord of hosts is his name.”

We are living in a time such as has never happened before on earth for it is the end of history as we know it; it is the culmination of the perfecting of the human race as we know it. Yes indeed, “life as we knew it ended today”. God help all of us to make it through into the next age.

*Look for the article on “the flesh” so you are not deceived into thinking your flesh and Christ’s flesh are the same without the cross totally annihilating the human flesh.



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