

Self-Confrontation

Matthew 7:1-5

Part 2

April 21 ~ July 21

Hobson Auditorium

Self-Confrontation



Week 14

Marriage Relationship
Part 1

Get Together...

With those around you, talk about what you think are the most important components to Christian marriage.

Then answer this question: What is the purpose of marriage?

The Purpose of Marriage

Ephesians 5: 10 – Pleasing the Lord.

“How easy it is to act as if husband and wife are the only relevant parties in a marriage. But marriage is ultimately about God. Moreover, marriage is most amazing because it brings people joy, or allows for a nurturing environment for children, or because it stabilizes society (even though it does those things). Marriage is awesome because God designed it to display His glory. The focus of a thriving marriage is the glory of God. – Dave Harvey; *When Sinners Say I Do*

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Marriage is a covenant.

“By calling marriage a covenant, God has called us to this same level of commitment to our partners in marriage. The husband and wife are likewise making a formal, solemn, binding, and irrevocable agreement to each other to fulfill certain obligations and perform certain actions toward each other. Most if not all problems in marriage arise because people either do not know God’s blueprint for marriage or are not willing to follow it. Unhappy marriages and divorces cannot result when people know and follow God’s perfect design.” Wayne Mack, *Sweethearts for a Lifetime*

The Purpose of Marriage

Ephesians 5: 10 – Pleasing the Lord.

What if God's purpose in marriage is not HAPPINESS, but HOLINESS?

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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The Place of Marriage

Genesis 2:18 - Marriage is the normal state.

Genesis 2:18

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

1 Corinthians 7: God gives a gift of singleness (celibacy) to some.

Marriage is to be pursued, cultivated, and taken seriously.

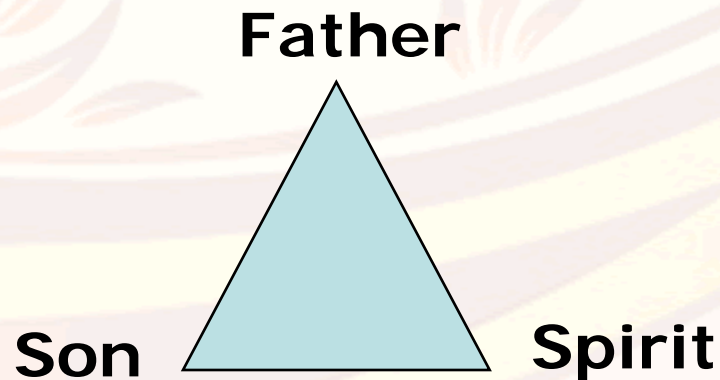
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The Picture of Marriage

Ephesians 5:

***Be Imitators of God (Imitation Language)**

- morality, purity, generosity, etc.**
- Headship and Submission**



The Picture of Marriage

Ephesians 5

- **Be Imitators of God (Imitation Language) (1-5)**
- **Be Careful How You Walk (15-21)**
- **Wives, Be Subject... (22-24)**
- **Husbands, Love... (25-33)**

Father



Son

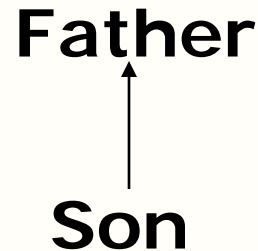
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Son

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The Picture of Marriage



Complementarian: Equal but Different

Phil 2:5-7

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, *6* who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, *7* but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

John 10:30

I and the Father are one."

The Picture of Marriage

Ephesians 5

- **Be Imitators of God (Imitation Language) (1-5)**
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Father



Son

Christ



Church

Husband



Wife

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The Picture of Marriage

Headship/Authority

A husband is to so love his wife that he is willing to lay his life down for her.

John 10:17-18

For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

**Willing Self-Sacrifice for the
Redemptive Good of Another**

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Submission

A wife is to so love her husband that she is willing to live for him.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

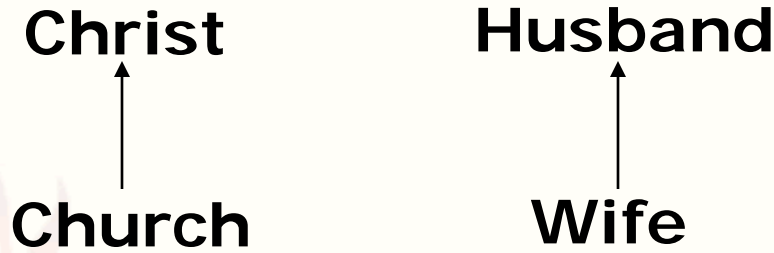
For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

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The Picture of Marriage

The Gospel and Marriage



Matt 19:4-7

And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning *MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE*, 5 and said, '*FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH*'? 6 "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

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The Gospel and Marriage



Divorce Involves Hardheartedness

Matt 19:7-8

They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to *GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?*" 8 He *said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

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The Picture of Marriage

The Gospel and Marriage

Christ

Husband



Church

Wife

All Christian Marriages Can Sing

2 Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

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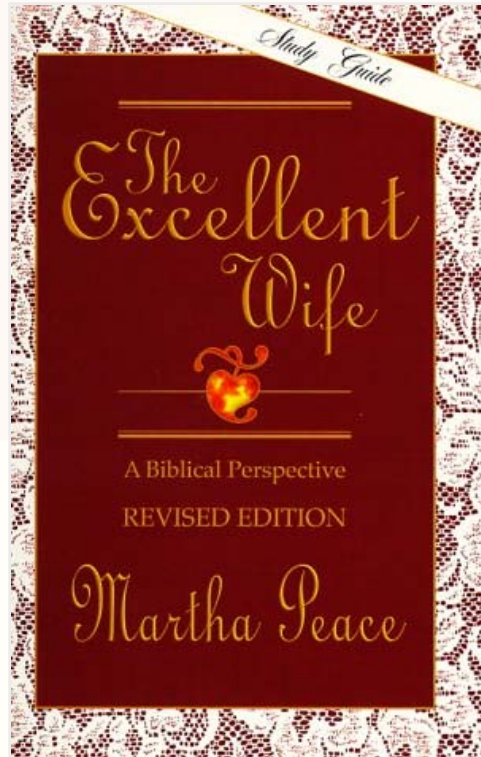
All Christian Marriages Can Sing

Think about every divorce you know of. In light of the Scriptures, none of these divorces had to happen!

Every Marriage Can Sing!

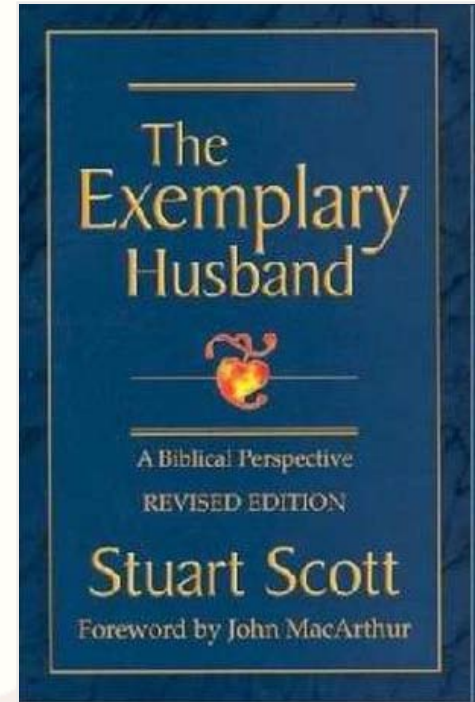
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Today's Giveaway



The Excellent
Wife
By Martha Peace

The Exemplary
Husband
By Stuart Scott



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Think about this...

Husbands: What must change in your life in order for you to lay your life down for your wife?

Wives: What must change in your life in order for you to live for your husband?



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For Next Week:

***Complete Lesson 15 in the
Self-Confrontation Student Workbook***