

1 Peter Chapter Three

VS 1-2 Wives be submissive to your husbands.

Marriage: 2019 BCP Page

Dearly beloved: We have gathered together in the presence of God to witness and bless the joining together of this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony.

1. Almighty God established the bond and covenant of marriage in creation as a sign of the mystical union between Christ and his Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
2. and it is commended by Holy Scripture to be held in honor among all people.
3. The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind was ordained by God:
4. for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.
5. for mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given to one another in prosperity and adversity.
6. to maintain purity, so that husbands and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ.
7. for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name.

Genesis 2: 18; 24-25

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for^e him."

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Marriage was ordained by God in creation for the foundation of human society. The covenant of marriage between a man and a woman is exclusive of all others and lifelong and the proper environment for the raising of children.

Divorce – God hates divorce (not divorced people) Malachi 2:16 – WHY?

- Impact on children
- Impact on finances
- Impact on extended family, friends, co-workers
- Impact on society
- Impact on the husband and the wife (emotional and spiritual).

Biblical Provision for Divorce

- Adultery Matthew 19: 3-9
- Unequally yoked (believer to non-believer) 1 Corinthians 7: 12-16
- Abuse – physical and or emotional 1 Corinthians 7: 15

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Marriage: God's Word to the Wives

- Wives be subject to your husbands.
 - Christ was subject to God.
 - Church members are to be subject to the Pastor.
 - Employees are to be subject to the employers.
 - Citizens are to be subject to the authorities.
 - Children are to be subject to their parents.
 - Colossians 3:18-22; Ephesians 5:22
- Disobedient Husbands
 - A wife's godly behavior can influence the unbelieving husband and win him over.
- Wives Godly Behavior
 - Godly life bears witness, you don't have to preach.
- Unequally Yoked – 1 Corinthians 6: 14-15
 - ***Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial?¹⁴ Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols?***
- Physical Appearance and the "inner self"
 - God does not say you can not look nice, wear jewelry or wear makeup.
 - God does discourage the dependance on the outward appearance as your identity.
- Lessons from others: Sarah and Abraham.

VS 7-8

Marriage: God's Word to Husbands – Ephesians 5:21-32

- Be subject to one another.
- Husband is the head of the wife as Christ is head of the church.
- Husbands love your wives (vs 25) as Christ loves the church.
- Husbands love your wives as you love your own body. (vs 28)
- Husbands love your wives as you love yourself. (vs 33)
- Honor her and a fellow heir of grace. (1 Peter 3:7)
- Hinderance to prayer mentioned.
- She is a weaker vessel – care and protect her.
- Live in harmony, unified.

VS 9 – 14 Dealing with evil and insults.

- Psalm 34: 12-16
- Matthew 5:38-48 – Jesus’ teaching from the Sermon on the Mount.
- Leviticus 19:18 – vengeance is mine says the Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 4:11 - 13 – when we are cursed, we bless.
- Righteous suffering for doing good is pleasing to God.

VS 14-17

Defending the Gospel – Are You Ready?

- What does it mean to give “an account of the hope that is within you.”?
 - What was your life like before Christ?
 - How did you come to know Jesus as Savior and choose to follow Him as Lord?
 - How has this made a difference in your life today?

Dealing with False Accusations – Be Innocent. The Example of Christ’s Suffering.

VS 18 – Excellent Summary of the Cross/Gospel

VS 19 - 20

The Spirits in Prison

1. Those that died in the flood which are being held in prison until the final judgment (Great White Throne) – Revelation 20:19; Matthew 25 – Sheep and the Goats.
2. The Fallen Angels who cohabitated with daughters of men – Jude vs 6
3. Jesus’ message was not about salvation – no mention of a second chance.
4. Jesus proclaimed that “Noah was right” and they failed to listen to Noah and are condemned.
5. He proclaimed to the fallen angels His victory over Satan. (Colossians 2:15)
6. He led captivity captive – two compartments in Hades or Shoel – Abraham’s bosom and Place of torment – Luke 16:19-31.

The Flood

- Those who perished in the flood. (didn’t listen)
- Those that were saved through the flood (Noah and his family – 8 persons)
- Those who were removed before the flood – Enoch.

Baptism

- Not the amount of water washing dirt off the body.
- It is a sign of what has taken place in the heart of the believer.
- It symbolized a new birth and separation from the old way of life.