



Ring Vows

Exchanging rings is a tradition that symbolizes the promise of your vows.

You may select any of the following sample ring exchange vows, or you may write your own, borrowing phrases and ideas from the ones you like.

Vows can be presented in one of three ways:

- 1. Phrase by phrase prompting*
- 2. Memorized*
- 3. Read from a card*

Traditional #1

Man: (Pastor asks man) _____, do you have a symbol of your covenant love?
(Man) I do.

(Pastor) Place the ring on _____ finger and repeat after me.

I _____, take you _____, as my wedded wife ... to love you according to God's word ... to forsake all others ... to stand by you in every trial ... to romance you ... to be your best friend. ... With this ring ... I give you my name ... affections ... and life ... in Jesus' name ... Amen.

Woman: (Pastor asks woman) _____, do you have a symbol of your covenant love?
(Woman) I do.

(Pastor) Place the ring on _____ finger and repeat after me.

I _____, receive you _____, as my wedded husband ... to love you according to God's word ... to forsake all others ... to stand by you in every trial ... to romance you ... to be your best friend. ... With this ring ... I receive your name ... affections ... and life ... and give you my heart ... in Jesus' name ... Amen.

Traditional #2

Man: I _____ take you, _____ to be my wedded wife ... to have and to hold from this day forward ... for better, for worse ... for richer, for poorer ... in sickness and in health ... to love and to cherish ... till death do us part ... and with this ring, I thee wed.

Woman: I _____, receive you, _____ as my wedded husband ... to have and to hold from this day forward ... for better, for worse ... for richer, for poorer ... in sickness and in health ... to love, cherish, and to obey ... till death do us part ... and with this ring, I thee wed.

Joel & Cindy Rishel (5/17/03)

Joel: Cindy, this ring is a symbol of my love for you, and a reminder of my vows to you. Today I receive my best friend as my wife, my helpmate, and a gift from God.

Cindy: Joel, this ring is a symbol of my love for you, and a reminder of my vows to you. Today I receive my best friend as my husband, my protector, and a gift from God.

Eric & Bethany Grover (6/29/02)

Pastor: Rings are a symbol of your covenant love. The ring is an unbroken circle to symbolize unending love. Also, the ring is made of pure gold, the emblem of that which is least tarnished and most enduring, and is to show how lasting is the pledge you have made to each other.

Eric: Bethany, as a symbol ... of the covenant we are making here today ... I give you this ring.

Bethany: Eric, as a symbol ... of the covenant we are making here today ... I give you this ring.