

Christ, the Church, and Marriage

Securing our Foundation (Psalm 11:3)

1. In the _____ God created us _____ and _____
in the image of God. (Gen 1:27; Matt 19:4; Romans 1:23,25)

Attacks on gender, sex and marriage involve two main sins:

Change glory of God into _____

Exchange truth for _____

2. Truth

(John 17:17; 2 Thess 2:13; James 2:19)

- We must help others understand that _____ exists.
- We are saved through _____ in the truth
- Jesus said, "Your Word is _____."
- _____ is the key word here.

Christianity is not true because we believe it. We believe it because it is true.

3. Marriage is a picture of _____ and the _____.

(Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Cor 11:3; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 19:9)

God's eternal purpose has always been to call a people for Himself and present as a bride for Christ.

One flesh in marriage pictures us being members of Christ's _____ and _____.

The man pictures Christ in how he:

The woman pictures the Church in how she:

The wedding ceremony is a picture of Christ and the church making promises and commitments to each other. It is a sacred and solemn event.

4. God's goal for marriage is godly _____.

(Malachi 2:13-16)

Why does God desire godly offspring?

What does divorce do? (Malachi 2:16)

5. What should we be doing in light of God's Word?

- a. Make sure you and your family understand _____
Jesus said God's word is truth. John 17:17; 1 Thess 2:13
- b. Make sure you believe the _____ and then keep sharing it with your family.

There are 2 aspects to salvation

- 1. Forgiveness and _____ (declared righteous)
 - 2. Growth in grace – more and more Christ-likeness
(Rom 6:22)
- Both result from saving faith!

Ultimate evidence of true belief is perseverance to the end.
(Hebrews 3:14; Matt 7:23; Seeds & Soils parable Matt 13)

- c. Be the picture! Live like you are part of body of Christ. Find your gift and use it for the growth of the body.
- d. Develop and strengthen your marriage so it is a better picture of Christ and the church
As a husband I need to---

As a wife I need to ---
- e. Strengthen your personal disciplines – prayer, Bible reading/meditation, participation in Lord's supper, participation in church prayer times, attend as many teaching/preaching sessions as you can. (So much the more as you see the day approaching, Heb 10:25)
- f. Avoid religious talk. Make it real -- real discipleship, pursuing obedience and holiness. Your family won't believe your words unless they see it in your life.

6. Conclusion – Make sure you are picturing accurately and standing on the firm _____ Matthew 7:21, 24