

Call Me Crazy: 1 Man + 1 Woman = Marriage

1. The Foundation of Marriage: Genesis 1:27,28; 2:18, 21-25

- A. God made male and _____ to be bound in marriage to reproduce/multiply to fill the earth w/ those who worship Him – anything else is unnatural, unholy and goes against God’s direct command.
- B. God made _____ to be between 1 man and 1 woman only!
 - 1. It is not good for man to be alone (**2:18**)
 - 2. God made a woman for the man, nothing else! (**2:21-23**)
 - 3. God establishes the only union He sees as a pure marriage (**vs.24**)
 - ***Joined** – a permanent and indissoluble union; **one-flesh** = the child born from the 2
 - ***Jesus** and Paul also affirm this...**Matt19:5,6; Mk10:8; 1Cor6:16; Eph5:31**
 - 4. Sex within this union, alone, is pure and without shame (**vs.25**)

2. The Ethics of Marriage: Hebrews13:1-4

- A. Comes out of the _____ of Christ – God, King, High Priest
 - ***1Pe1:15,16** – God is holy, so we are to be holy
- B. Let love continue...this is _____ love; everything else is lust and greed (**vs.1**)
- C. Biblical _____ is to be held in honor among all people, everywhere
 - 1. The marriage bed is to be undefiled/untainted – sex within the bounds of biblical marriage is pure and without shame
 - 2. Therefore, all sexual activity outside the bounds of biblical marriage is sexual immorality; this includes sexual activity within one’s mind (**Matt.5:27-28**)
 - ***Ex.** living together, sex before/outside marriage, lustful thoughts and porn, homosexuality etc.
 - 3. Fornicators and adulterers God will judge – all of Scripture testifies to this
 - ***1Cor6:9-10,18; 1Tim1:8-11; Rom1:24-28; Gen19:1-11** ***(**turn to and read**)
- D. What are the results of sexual immorality? _____
 - 1. U.S. #1 consumer of child trafficking in world
 - 2. 1973 – forcible rape every 20min in U.S.; what about now?! _____
 - 3. child molesting, broken marriages, divorce – what grief!
- E. What is God’s Will? _____ **1Thessalonians4:3-8**
 - 1. _____ from all sexual immorality and control one’s body in honor, **NOT** lustful passion
 - 2. Don’t take advantage of another, God is the avenger (**vs.6**)
 - 3. Rejecting this is _____ rejecting man’s way but rejecting God Himself! (**vs.8**)

3. The Reasons for Marriage: Ephesians5:22-33

- A. From our points above – for pro _____; for pre _____ of immorality; to _____ solitude
- B. Ephesians5:22-33 – for the _____ of God in Christ Jesus
 - 1. Marriage is a living picture of Christ and the church – **vs.23-27,31- 32**
 - 2. It is not what I can get, but what can I give! This is the attitude of Christ!
 - 3. Christ’s undying, sacrificial love; His continual forgiveness; His devotion and commitment to us regardless of how “good” we do, **but based on what He did on the cross** – **THIS** is to be pictured between husband and wife in biblical marriage
 - 4. Sexual immorality of any kind is blasphemy and slander, and a direct attack against the gospel and all that Jesus did on the Cross of Calvary! We R to Be greatest defenders of True Marriage!