

May 22nd, 2022 — "The Sanctity of Marriage" WEEK 4 LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

It takes three people to make a marriage work; the husband, the wife, and <u>God</u>.

+God is not someone we just go to when we have problems. God is someone we go to <u>everyday</u> of our life to <u>avoid</u> problems.

Matthew 19:3-8

Jesus answered the question if a married couple could get a divorce for **any** reason. His answer was; <u>no</u>.

+God's <u>grace</u> working in your life is in fact God's ability working in and through your life, and your marriage.

The Bible tells us that husband and wife are one. This means they are one forever through the covenant they made with one another and God.

+The Sanctity of Marriage

1. Marriage represents God.

Genesis 1:26-27

+Satan hates $\underline{\text{marriage}}$ because it is the image of God on the earth.

+Marriage carries with it a covenant commitment that God's image holds sacred.

2. Marriage represents Christ and the <u>Church</u>. **Ephesians 5:31-33**

+The way we operate in our marriages should reflect the relationship between Jesus and the Church.

3: Marriage represents <u>covenant</u>. Malachi 2:14

+Marriage is not a contract, it is in fact a covenant.

- **Contract:** We <u>protect</u> our rights and limit our responsibilities.
- **Covenant:** We give up our rights and pick up our responsibilities.

"Fake it till you make it" is not a good motto to have going into marriage.

Answers: God, everyday, avoid, no, grace, God, marriage, image, church, relationship, covenant, protect, give up.

*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.

