

# The Wedding Sunday PM 03/18/18

## Introduction:

Marriage is the product of love. Those who say they don't need a piece of paper to prove their love have missed the point. A man that will not marry a woman either does not love the woman or is afraid of commitment. Marriage is a product of the love between those involved.

### I) THE INVITATION

#### A) God reaches out to mankind.

1. Some religions requires mankind to discover or find God.
  - a. Man must act so as to become God.
  - b. Often because they are not God centered but man centered they require man to invent God.
2. In the Bible we see God sent Jesus to this world to die for us, *Titus 2.11-15*.
  - a. Man made in image of God, *Genesis 1.26-27*.
  - b. Through sin man is separated from God, through Christ man is reconciled to God, *2 Corinthians 5.21*.
3. Through baptism we enter into Christ, *Galatians 3.26-27*.

### II) AT THE WEDDING THERE IS THE BEST MAN

#### A) *John 3.27-28, 29-30* John is the friend or the best man.

1. John prepared the way by preaching.

- a. He was chosen by God as a forerunner to Christ.
  - b. Repentance - being married requires a change.
- 2. We must be ready and willing to change, *Luke 3.3*.
  - a. Repentance must be before baptism.
- 3. What if you never repent? No change of heart, no change of relationship.
  - a. Can there be an unborn Christian? No!
- 4. Different people have different things to repent of.

**B) A descriptive account of change in *Luke 3.4-6*.**

- 1. This requires the love to see one's faults and want to change.
- 2. A compliant attitude, comply with God's word.

**C) Repentance is a qualifier. Anyone knows why this wedding should not take place.**

**III) WEDDING SONG**

**A) Statement of love and faithfulness.**

- 1. *2 Timothy 2.11-13* historically used in the first century.
- 2. To remain faithful, to build a life together, until death, *Revelation 2.10b*.

**IV) THE BRIDE AND HER GROOM**

**A) A voluntary act of expressing one's love for Christ. Every bride is beautiful to every groom. The church, Christians are beautiful to Christ.**

- B) The Wedding Gown. *Isaiah 61.10* a before and after picture, *Isaiah 64.6*.

V) **THE WITNESSES**

- A) Some weddings are private and have one or two witnesses. *Acts 16.33*.
- B) Some are public, before a large audience, *Acts 2.38-41*
1. Does the audience good, encourages them and you.
  2. Provides a teaching example.
    - a. Recent case of a young woman who finally obeyed the gospel. One hindrance was that she had never seen a baptism.
  3. At the same time some are baptized before or after services or during the middle of the week.

VI) **THE EXCHANGE OF VOWS**

- A) The promise to live together as husband and wife, *1 Peter 3.21*.
1. As one flesh, a commitment to God, *1 Timothy 6.12*.
  2. Faithfully, to obey all of God's commandments. *1 John 5.2-3*.
  3. To face the good and bad times together.

VII) **RINGS GIVEN AS A TOKEN OR SEAL**

- A) The Holy Spirit is given to the Christian as a seal, *Ephesians 1.13-14*.
- B) Rings were given to identify as one's possession. *1 Corinthians 1.21-22*.

1. We belong to Christ and promises to never forsake us as long as we are faithful.

#### **VIII) TO DECLARE HUSBAND AND WIFE**

##### **A) *Matthew 28.18-20***

1. By the authority of.
2. To specifically state what has happened.
  - a. Not a baptismal formula.

##### **B) Wear the name of Christ, *Isaiah 62.2, Acts 11.26.***

#### **Conclusion:**

A long and happy life together. The analogy breaks down in that marriage here is to death, our marriage to Christ is to eternity, *Ephesians 5.26-27.*