

基督化家庭

經文：創世記 2:18-25, 弗 5:22-6:4

A) 丈夫與妻子

a) 回到起初一從伊甸園看 神所設計的婚姻

1) 一男一女

- 這是我骨中的骨，肉中的肉，可以稱她為「女人」，因為她是從「男人」身上取出來的。(創世記 2:23)

2) 一夫一妻

- 人要離開父母，與妻子連合，『二人』成爲一體(創世記 2:24)
- 聖經對長老和執事的要求都是『只作一個婦人的丈夫』(提前3:2, 12)

3) 一生一世

- 6…夫妻不再是兩個人，乃是一體的了。所以，神配合的，人不可分開…9 我告訴你們，凡休妻另娶的，若不是爲淫亂的緣故，就是犯姦淫了；有人娶那被休的婦人，也是犯姦淫了。」(太19:6-9)

b) 婚姻的神聖意義與目的

1) 為著 神的旨意

夫妻預表了「基督與教會」—這是婚姻最高的價值與境界，是靈、魂、體「一」的見證。

- 18 耶和華 神說：「那人獨居不好，我要爲他造一個配偶幫助他。」… 24 因此，人要離開父母，與妻子連合，二人成爲一體。(創世記 2:18, 24)
- …32 這是極大的奧秘，但我是指著基督和教會說的。(弗 5:31-32)

2) 為著 神的榮耀

二人成爲一體，必須經過天然生命的破碎，讓基督的生命在個人裡面成形，以在基督裡的「一」來使 神得榮耀

- a. 以基督爲中心 (Christ-center)
- b. 以十架爲根基 (Cross-center)
- c. 永遠的盟約和委身 (life-long Covenant & Commitment)

3) 新約聖經中關於夫妻的教導

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22 你們作妻子的，當『順服』自己的丈夫，如同順服主…24 教會怎樣順服基督，妻子也要怎樣凡事順服丈夫。25 你們作丈夫的，要『愛』你們的妻子，正如基督愛教會，為教會『捨己』…33…妻子也當『敬重』她的丈夫。(弗 5:22-33)

B) 父母與兒女

- a) 讓主居首位
- b) 屬靈的傳承
- c) 新約聖經中關於父母與兒女的教導

6:1 你們作兒女的，要在主裏『聽從』父母，這是理所當然的。2-3 「要『孝敬』父母，使你得福，在世長壽。」這是第一條帶應許的誡命。【你們作兒女的，要凡事聽從父母，因為這是主所喜悅的。(西3:20)】4 你們作父親的，『不要惹兒女的氣』，只要照著主的教訓和警戒『養育』他們。(弗 6:1-4)

C) 全家的事奉—『至於我和我家，我們必定事奉耶和華』

❖ 歷世歷代以來，仇敵的詭計就是要破壞『全家』的事奉

- 28 法老說：「我容你們去，在曠野祭祀耶和華—你們的神；只是不要走得很遠…(出8:28)…10:11不可都去！你們這壯年人去事奉耶和華吧，因為這是你們所求的…24 法老就召摩西來，說：「你們去事奉耶和華；只是你們的羊群牛群要留下；你們的婦人孩子可以和你們同去。」…(出10:11, 24-26)

❖ 約書亞全家事奉的榜樣

- 15 若是你們以事奉耶和華為不好，今日就可以選擇所要事奉的：是你們列祖在大河那邊所事奉的神呢？是你們所住這地的亞摩利人的神呢？至於我和我家，我們必定事奉耶和華。(書24:15)

【討論問題】

家庭問題是眾教會最大的挑戰，請弟兄姊妹用心討論下列四個問題：

- 1) 根據課程所言，起初 神所設計的婚姻中有哪三個最基本的原則？在現今的世代中，我們可以看見仇敵對這三項原則非常明顯的攻擊與破壞，我們應當如何為自己 and 教會中的夫妻禱告？

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- 2) 『結婚的目的不是為了追求幸福快樂，乃是為著 神的榮耀與見證』。你對這句話能打從心裡認同嗎？請分享你對第二點：『婚姻的神聖意義與目的』的領受與平日的學習。
- 3) 在聽完本課程後，你與配偶對養育兒女(或未來的兒女) 有什麼提醒與具體實行的計劃？
- 4) 本課程中，『基督化的家庭』與『全家的事奉』有什麼關聯？在建立一個合神心意的家庭上，最大的挑戰有哪些？當如何來克服它們？

The Christianized Home

Scriptures: Gen. 2:18-25; Eph. 5:22-6:4

A) Husband and Wife

a) Back to the beginning - A look at marriage as designed by God from the Garden of Eden

1) One Man and One Woman

- “This *is* now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”(Gen. 2:23)

2) One Husband and One Wife

- A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and **they two shall become one flesh.** (Gen. 2:24)
- A requirement for Elder or Deacon in the Scriptures is that he is the husband of **one wife.** (1 Tim. 3:2,12)

3) For a Lifetime

- “... So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” ... “... And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.” (Matt. 19:6-9)

b) The Sacred Meaning and Purpose of Marriage

1) For the Will of God

”Husband-and-wife” is a typology of “Christ-and-the-Church” - this is the pinnacle of value and meaning for marriage, the unity of body, soul and spirit.

- And the Lord God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”... Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Gen. 2:18, 24)

- ...This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Eph. 5:31-32)

2) For the Glory of God

- a. **Christ-centered**
- b. **Cross-centered**
- c. life-long **Covenant & Commitment**

3) New Testament Teachings for Husbands and Wives

Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, as to the Lord...Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and **gave Himself** for her,... let the wife see that she **respects her** husband. (Eph. 5:22-33)

B) Parents and Children

- a) Let the Lord Have the First Place
- b) Pass on Spiritual Inheritance
- c) New Testament Teachings for Parents and Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” 【Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. (Col. 3:20)】 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:1-4)

C) Serve as a family - “**As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord**”

- ❖ Since generations of old it’s been the Enemy’s scheme to destroy “service by the **whole household**”
 - ...So Pharaoh said, “I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away...”

(Exo. 8:28) ...Not so! Go now, you *who are* men, and serve the Lord, for that is what you desired.” ...Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, “Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you.” (Exo. 10:11, 24-26)

- ❖ The example of Joshua’s household serving the Lord together
 - ”... And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”(Josh. 24:15)

【Questions to Ponder】

Issues concerning the family is one of the greatest challenges in today’s churches. Please be sincere as you ponder these questions:

- 1) According to this lesson, what are the three basic principles of marriage by God’s design? In this generation we clearly see the attack and destruction of these principles by the Enemy. How should we pray for our own and all families in the church?
- 2) “The purpose of marriage is not to pursue happiness, but for the glory and testimony of God.” Do you honestly agree with this statement? Please share your thoughts on A.b) of the lesson, “The Sacred Meaning and Purpose of Marriage”. What have you learned in this aspect through your daily living?
- 3) What reminders has this lesson provided you and your spouse regarding child rearing? What concrete plans have you made to put what you learned into practice?
- 4) How is the “Christianized home” related to “serving as a family”? What are the challenges in building a family after God’s heart? How do we overcome?