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RELATIONSHIP OF CHRIST TO THE CHURCH

BUILDER.....Matthew 16:13-18

PURCHASER.....Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19

FOUNDATION.....1 Corinthians 3:11

HEAD.....Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23-24; Colossians 1:18

SAVIOR.....Ephesians 5:23

BRIDEGROOM.....John 3:29; Romans 7:1-4

**KING OVER.....Matthew 16:19; Luke 22:29-30; Acts 2:36;
Colossians 1:13; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15**



God's View of Marriage

Robert Meredith

We live in a time of easy divorce. The divorce rate is now said to be over fifty percent. That means that more than one out of every two marriages will end in divorce. Many are not alarmed by this fact. When one studies the history of other great societies, he will notice that as the home goes, so goes the nation. Rome, as an example, had liberal social views on marriage-divorce-& remarriage, abortion and homosexuality. When one departs from God's views on these issues, and from His teachings in general, failure will come (Proverbs 14:34; 14:12). Our society is becoming more and more amoral. An African once told an American, "Africans and Americans are a lot alike. We both have many wives. We have ours all at one time and you have yours one at a time." From that particular statement one should be able to understand that our nation has departed from

God's plan for the home. The only way to help our marriages is to have God's view of marriage.

In Matthew 19, it is recorded that some Jewish leaders came to Jesus attempting to put Him in a difficult situation. They asked Him a question concerning divorce. They hoped that Jesus' answer would cause some of His followers to leave Him. They knew that marriage-divorce-& remarriage was a sensitive issue and hoped that whatever answer the Christ gave would cause some to get upset and quit following Him. Jesus, however, understood that the reason there was a divorce problem in His day was because people did not have God's view of marriage. He used this opportunity to teach on God's view of marriage (vs. 4-6), and then gave God's law on divorce and remarriage (v. 9).

Let us notice what Jesus said about marriage. *"Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"* (Matthew 19:4-6). Let us take note of a few things which God said. *"Have ye not read?"* God has given to man the information he needs to have a successful marriage and God has a definite law concerning marriage. Too, Jesus said, *"He which made them at the beginning made them male and female and said, for this cause..."* A marriage as defined by God is between a man and a woman. Homosexual relationships are sinful (Romans 1:24-27).

Furthermore, Jesus explained that marriage was for those who were ready to leave their parents and establish their own home. He said, *"For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife."* If a person is not emotionally, financially or mentally ready to leave his parents, he is not ready to be married! Also, Jesus said, *"and they twain shall be one flesh."* This certainly carries with it the idea of the sexual union. It is only within the bonds of marriage that this intimate relationship can be lawfully fulfilled. Outside of marriage it is sin (Hebrews 13:4). This phrase may also carry the idea of the oneness and closeness of the marriage bond. God then clearly states that divorce should not take place. *"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."* In Matthew 19:9, Jesus gives the only reason for a divorce and remarriage and that is on the grounds of fornication. When fornication has taken place then the "innocent party" can divorce and remarry if they choose. The guilty one can not remarry because they did not divorce their spouse because of their spouse's fornication.

If everyone had God's view of marriage, life would be so much simpler. A mature male and female unite in marriage, establishing their own home, and continue in that bond till death separates them (Matthew 19:6; Romans 7:2-3). Yes, there are a lot of things that can happen after couples marry. Difficulties and hardships will come to everyone (1 Corinthians 10:13). By leaning on your spouse and helping each other through those hardships, the union grows and becomes richer, deeper and stronger. It becomes what God intended a marriage to be.

THE EXPERIMENT

A man went into his cellar to try an experiment. He planted a flower in a pot and placed it in the darkest corner of the room. He made certain that it was watered but wanted to see if it could grow without any light. To no one's surprise the flower perished.

He duplicated the experiment a second time but with one modification, because the plant was set in a corner of the room where sunlight could not reach it, he placed a mirror near the cellar window to reflect the light of the sun into the corner where the flower set. This time, because of the reflected rays, the flower flourished and beautifully bloomed.

What a tremendous illustration of the world and Christians in it! The darkness of sin and wickedness prevails in our world. As Christians, we are to reflect the light of the Son of God by our very lives to influence others. The apostle Paul spoke of God's children who live "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation", and yet "shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). Ask yourself, do the people around you, who see you from day to day, hear your speech, observe your actions and witness your character - by your Christian example would they most resemble the flower that perished or that flourished?

*"And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord...So that **ye were examples** to all that believe..." (1 Thessalonians 1:6-7).*

*"Let no man despise thy youth; but **be thou an example** to them that believe" (1 Timothy 4:12).*

*"In all things **showing thyself a pattern** of good works" (Titus 2:7).*

...Ronnie Scherffius



Prayer List: Anne Brinkley, Darlene Hale (Mary Vincent's sister), Bennie Tyson, Mary Vincent, and any who may be in need of our prayers.

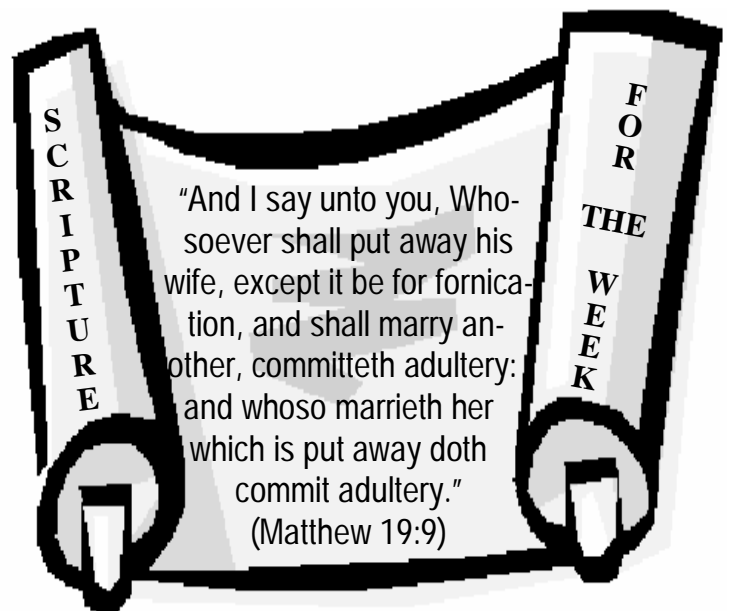
Shut-ins: Anne Brinkley, Tom Meredith & Mary Miller.

News at Green Plain



Wedding: You are invited to the marriage ceremony of **Mary White & James Lowrie** on **June 25, 2010**, at **7:00 pm**, at the **Green Plain Church of Christ**. Reception to follow (no gifts please).

Summer Youth Series: Tuesday, the 29th, at Hardin Church of Christ.



ATTENDANCE June 20, 2010

**Bible Study
Worship A.M.**

**Worship P.M.
Mid-week (6-16)**

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southeast of Murray -
One mile off highway 641 -
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Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
June 2010

USHERS: Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chad Canter

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Rex Enoch & Bobby Hall
Substitute: Roy Wyatt

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Ira Sellars & Robert Barrett
Substitute: Dave Thompson

Sunday PM
6-27.....Bobby Hall

SCRIPTURE READING:
6-27.....Rob Enoch (Jn. 17:20-24)

OPENING PRAYER:
6-27.....Mike Ernstberger

CLOSING PRAYER:
6-27.....Rob Enoch

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Roy Wyatt & Ira Sellars

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS
Matthias Meredith & Cody Canter

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....James Pigg
Wednesday.....Chad Canter
Substitute.....Larry Enoch

LAWN CARE: Rob Enoch
GREETERS: Robert & Wanda Barrett

If you are unable to serve, please
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

? **Luke 16**

1. Jesus said we can not serve God and _____.
2. Of what sin were the Pharisees guilty?
3. What was the beggar's name?
4. What makes it impossible for one to go from Paradise to the place of torment or vice versa?

1. Mammon (v. 13)
2. Covetousness (v. 14)
3. Lazarus (v. 20)
4. A Great Gull (v. 26)



**Remember to
bring snacks
for the
hospital.**



**Pantry Item
Peanut
Butter**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
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RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM. WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR
June 27, 2010**

A.M. - Despise Ye The Church

P.M. - He Speaketh Boldly

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel

Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe

Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent

Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ

Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)

Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;

Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21

Continue faithful unto death

Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9