



Acceptance

A marriage made in heaven!



Let's Talk. . .

- **Marriage-** what is it?
- **List marriages in the Bible:**
- **Name what happens when one gets married?**



Really?

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What truth about marriage is revealed?

“Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married ; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. . . And the LORD heard it. . . . 4 Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!” . . . 5 Then the LORD came down . . . , and called Aaron and Miriam. . . . 9 So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed.” Num. 12:1-12



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“If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. 14 **For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband;** otherwise your children would be unclean, **but now they are holy.**” 1 Cor. 7:10-16



WOW

The Church is considered what in relation to Christ?

HIS BRIDE!

Note: God has always considered special those He calls His own, always seen as His bride

"And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you." Isa 62:1-5 "

"Return, O backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am married to you." Jer. 3:12-17

". . . you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another — to Him who was raised from the dead "
Rom 7:1-6

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" Eph. 5:25



Points to Ponder

1) Does God fully accept me?

2) If so, upon what basis does He do so?

*Many believers, whether "strugglers" or "vegetators,"
move through life without this precious fact to rest
and build on.*



These are the FACTS

Every believer is **accepted** by **the Father**,
in **Christ**.

*"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ" Rom. 5:1*

The peace is God's toward us, through His beloved Son—
on this our peace is to be based. God is able to be at
peace with us through our Lord Jesus Christ

*". . . And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, . .
.having made peace through the blood of His cross"*
Col. 1:20



These are the FACTS

His peace is founded solely on the **work of the cross**, totally apart from anything whatsoever in or from us, since . . .

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Rom. 5:8



Rock Solid

Our faith becomes a **fixed attitude** once it begins to rest in this wonderful fact.

*"Coming to Him as to a living stone, **rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious**, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."* 1Peter 2:4-6



Oh, NO!

BUT SIN is present!

FACT:

God has not **altered** *(He never changes).*

His **eye** rests on the work accomplished
by **Christ** for the **believer**.



Growth Truths

When you are not walking in the Spirit you are **in the flesh**: you have turned to the **old man** which was **crucified** on the cross

"... That our old man was crucified with Him. . ."

Rom. 6:6

You have to be **restored to fellowship**, and when you are, you find your acceptance with God **unchanged** and **unchangable**.



Growth Truths

God has **effected** the **reconciliation**;
He always remains true to it.

"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" Matt. 26:28

"Now where remission of [sin] is, there is no more offering for sin" Heb. 10:18



Growth Truth

God's **basis** must be our **basis** for acceptance.

*" . . . having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, **by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.**" Eph. 1:5,6*



This is AMAZING GRACE!

“Our Father is fully satisfied with His beloved Son on our behalf, and there is no reason for us not to be.

Our satisfaction can only spring from and rest in His satisfaction.

*It is from **God to us**, not **from us to God**.”*



Lock it In

We have been accepted *in Christ*. . . **We** are not 'on **probation**.' As to our life past, *it does not exist* before God: it *died* at the cross, and *Christ is our Life*.

Grace, once bestowed, *is not withdrawn*: for God knew all the human exigencies beforehand: **His action was independent of them, not dependent upon them...**



Guilt-free

"The lack of Divine blessing, therefore, comes from **unbelief**, and not from *failure of devotion...*

"To preach **devotion** first, and **blessing** second, is to reverse God's order, and preach **law**, not **grace**.

The Law made man's blessing depend on devotion; **Grace confers undeserved, unconditional blessing**: our devotion may follow, but does not always do so,—in proper measure."



The Clock is Ticking

You have been given 24 hours to make things right before you are arrested and taken to be executed-

what do you need to do to be ready to meet your Maker?

NOTHING!

