

Love and Marriage Were God's Ideas Part 2
Inseparable Love

Rom 8:35-39

*35 Who shall **separate** us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

*39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to **separate** us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

I. Introduction

A. Not a fairy tale

1. Love that makes you giddy, makes you smile, makes you chuckle, makes you stare into their face, makes you feel that other things don't matter—only this matters, it brings a sense of peace, contentment, satisfaction, happiness—no, something deeper than happiness—joy.

B. Broken love

1. But for some, they are convinced this is the stuff of fairy tales, of dreams. Because they woke up and it was not what was envisioned.

2. What we wished for turned on us and became not a dream, but a night mare, not something we want to embrace and cling to, but something we want to get away from as fast as we can, not something we want to remember all our lives, but something we want to forget—something we must forget.

3. It didn't fix us, it broke us. It didn't make us feel pure, but dirty. It didn't fill us, it left us feeling a deep and painful void.

4. Why does it happen that way? The answer is, God intends for us to find that kind of love through Him and in His way. His idea of relationship includes all those desirable things and much more. He has an inseparable love for us to enjoy.

II. Love that fulfills and lasts

A. In God

1. We **CAN** look forward to a time of deep intimacy in our relationship with Him in our close encounters with Him. Early will I seek thee.

Ps 5:3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

2. *Ps 143:8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.*

3. When we seek Him, He answers.
Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.
 4. He answers. We listen and we hear. We look and we behold. We reach out and there is a hand that touches us. We lean in, and there is a shoulder to lean on.
 5. And in fact, when we bow before Him in honor and submission and love, we find that act lightens our load.
 6. It becomes like
1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
 7. It is like taking His yoke upon us where we become His close partner, close enough to Him that He shoulders our burden. The yoke is not His way of binding us, but His way of carrying our load.
Matt 11:28-30
28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
 8. You that are weary and tired from the cares of life, He wants to carry, not just your burdens, He wants to pick you up and carry you.
 9. And when He picks us up in His loving arms, we just want to stare in His face and smile, and wonder, is this real? Is this a dream? Can it be true? Is it really happening to me?
 10. And then when we wake up, we find it is real.
 11. It is not a dream. It is true and is happening to me! The joy remains. The smile remains. The delight is greater than we expected.
 12. It makes me want to return. I want Him more...and more and more.
 13. It is euphoria, it is delight that pleases. There is no bad taste in the mouth because it is of the highest, greatest, most pleasing, taste of anything.
 14. That is why the writer said, O, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Ps 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- B. In my mate
1. But there are times when, even as wonderful as that experience of God's love for us and to us, we still long for a human experience of love.
 2. We want a physical hand to hold or face to behold. We want to see the twinkle in eyes that glimmer with a desire for us and delight in us.
 3. That is because God created man, and shortly after said of him, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
 4. The opposite conforming gear that meshes with each of my highs and lows. **[image: interlocking gears, interlocking fingers].**
 5. Perhaps you are among those who have found that human relationships can leave you feeling broken, hurt, and empty so that you don't trust love any more.
 6. Then listen to God as He speaks this question in your heart. Did you pursue the pure, fulfilling love that I created you for, or did you seek the perverted substitute that the

devil manufactured called lust? Lust will promise all the things that love provides but it cannot produce them because it is a far cheaper substitute.

C. In purity

1. That is why His word said, *“Flee youthful lust.”* Why? When we intimately join ourselves to another, we become one with them, their soul intermixed with ours.

2. Listen to this explanation Paul provided to those in the city of Corinth, a city that was known in his day for its temple of Aphrodite that included prostitution as a common form of pagan worship.

1 Cor 6:15-20

*15 Know ye not that your **bodies** are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.*

*16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, **shall be one flesh.***

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

*19 What? know ye not that your **body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

*20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body**, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

3. Paul warned the Corinthian church, a church that consisted of people who had come out of the popular Corinthian culture of promiscuity and had been strongly influenced by it.

4. That kind of uncleanness also exists in our day in our culture and forms the type of relationship that leaves a person feeling broken and empty.

5. God created us for love—but a love made in His image. Love that flows out of purity.

6. Love between us and Him, and if we have a mate, love that flows out of purity between a man and a woman.

7. The man and woman relationship of love is described in the KJV using the words: help meet.

*Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an **help meet** for him.*

8. And love does not flow only in one direction but from each to the other. So the woman is her husband's help meet, and the man is his wife's help meet.

9. Last week we looked at the definition of that Hebrew phrase, help meet: **our mate is a corresponding opposite.**

10. And the reason they attract is because of their oppositeness. She provides pieces of her soul that he lacks and he provides pieces of his soul that she lacks.

D. In oneness

1. And when they come together, they become one. We read the foundational verse on marriage in Genesis 2:24:

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

2. And then we read Jesus quoting it:
Mark 10:7-9
7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;
8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.
9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
 3. Two individuals become one flesh that God does not want any man to “put asunder.”
 4. “Put asunder” comes from the Greek word, “Chorizo,” (kho-rid’-zo), which means to separate, divide, depart from a person.
 5. Jesus said do not separate from that God-ordained oneness because when two become one flesh in that intimate marital act, part of your soul is intermixed with their soul, and part of their soul is intermixed with your soul.
 6. That is also why marital love is exclusive, forsaking all others and cleaving to that individual only.
 7. Marriage has no room for more than the husband and wife in an exclusive intimate relationship.
 8. And while there is some effort to normalize what is called a polyamorous relationship which includes three or more individuals, God calls us exclusively to one other partner for life.
 9. That is why Paul said: *he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body,* because two souls are joined as one in that act.
 10. It is a God-designed unity that is not meant to be retooled or redefined.
 11. It is a holy unity of purity and permanence.
 12. Even the pop song of my youth said it like this: “Breaking up is hard to do.” (Neil Sedaka’s song of the 1962.)
- E. Inseparable
1. And we see that parallel of the oneness in the love between man and woman is modeled in the love of Christ for us.
 2. When we say Jesus loves me this I know, it is the kind of love that does not “come asunder” or does not “chorizo” or separate.
 3. The same Greek word Chorizo is found here in Romans 8:35 translated “separate:”
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*39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to **separate** us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
 4. Now that is the kind of love that makes us feel giddy, makes us smile, puts lasting joy on the inside, makes us feel pure and holy, because it is God’s love.

5. It is the kind of love God has for us, and is the kind of love he intends for the marital relationship. A love that does not separate.
 6. You may want to give up on the world's cheap substitute for love, called lust. But don't give up on God's pure love that He created us to long for.
- F. Called to singleness?
1. In a message on marital love, it is important to note that not everyone is called to marital relations.
 2. Some individuals whose mate has passed on, or others who just because that is their present calling, are called to singleness.
 3. And in their singleness, God can join with you in a very special union as a life-partner who makes His presence very real to them.
 4. And those called to singleness also have a special opportunity to serve the Lord:
1 Cor 7:32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:
 5. And verse 34 adds: *"The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit..."*
 6. Singleness offers an opportunity for a very special devotion to the Lord and to His service that is by no means something less.
 7. Jesus spoke of people who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake, a reference to a kind of singleness where one devotes themselves to God's kingdom.
- III. Conclusion: Becoming the bride of Christ
- A. The bride must get ready
1. Last week we spoke a little about the bride of Christ and the marriage supper of the Lamb.
 2. While great tribulation is happening on earth, there is a marriage being made in heaven of Christ and His church:
Rev 19:7-9
7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.
 3. That is a picture of Jesus being wed to His bride, the saints, the group of called out ones referred to as the church.
 4. 1 Thessalonians 4 tells of a day when Jesus will make an appearance in the clouds above the earth, a trumpet will sound, and the church, whether dead in the grave or among the living, will rise with a transformed body right into the air to forever be with the Lord.
 5. Once we arrive in heaven, two events are described—the Judgment seat of Christ where Jesus hands out rewards based on our works for Him, and the marriage of the Lamb.

6. It is not clear from scripture—or at least from my understanding from scripture—which will take place first, but either way, once the saved leave this earth, we will never be separated from the Lord.
 7. That is why it is so important to be in the church in these last days.
 8. And speaking of the last days when this all is fulfilled, Jesus said:
Matt 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
 9. He spoke of signs of the end being fulfilled in the last generation, and we are seeing many of them in our generation.
 10. That is why we must get ready—get into the bride, the church, for:
Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
 11. The bride must make herself ready and be clothed with the righteousness of the saints as that passage in Revelation 19 said.
- B. Be born again
1. Let us recall a message from Bible study a few weeks ago where Jesus spoke of how to be ready to enter the kingdom of God.
 2. If you want to be prepared to enter the kingdom of God you must be born of water and Spirit:
John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
 3. And the parallel passage to that is Acts 2:38
Acts 2:38-39
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
 4. We took a journey through scripture to see that obeying Jesus' words, and getting Jesus' atoning blood on our soul through faith and the obedience of repentance and baptism, and being filled with His Spirit, your name will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
 5. These individuals are those who will be part of the bride of Christ, who will be caught up to meet Him in the air, who will be part of the marriage supper of the Lamb, who will receive rewards for our labors for God, and who will dwell with Him for ever in the New Jerusalem, the new Heaven, and New Earth.
 6. That is why human marriage is paralleled to the love Christ has for His church.
 7. He gave Himself for the church and will dwell with the church through eternity in a marriage made in heaven.
 8. So first, get in the bride of Christ.
 9. And second, then you can work on making your earthly marriage a parallel of that beautiful and holy relationship between Christ and the church.
 10. That is the picture of inseparable love that God intends us to live with.