

Wives & Husbands

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Food for Thought and Outline

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Marriage is more than a **ring**.

Marriage is a **picture** of Christ and His Church.
Ephesians 5:32, 2 Corinthians 11:2

Marriage is a **covenant**.
Mark 10:5-9

Marriage is **refining**.
Ephesians 5:26, Romans 6:3-4, 1 Peter 3:21-22

Now What?

Be **cleansed**.
Acts 2:38

Protect the marriage bed.
Hebrews 13:4

Church, **submit** to the Groom.
Philippians 2:3-5

Honor Christ in your marriage.

4. Read Acts 2:38 and 1 Peter 3:18-22. What do both of these passages say about the role of baptism? How do these passages relate to Ephesians 5:26 and what do they teach us about Christ and life as a believer?

How is baptism like marriage? How does baptism illustrate the union of believers with Christ? Who should be baptized?

Memory Verse

1 Peter 3:21-22 – “Baptism which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.”

Recommended Resources

Sermon: Gender and the Gospel (Riverlawn.org/messages)

Video Series: Love and Respect (Available on RightNow Media through the RCC channel)

Book: You and Me Forever by Francis and Lisa Chan

Prayer Requests

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