

# Marriage



## MARRIAGE PART 19 - BECOMING THIS HUSBAND OR WIFE

In Pt 17 and 18 we stated what the core role of the husband and the wife was within the marriage covenant and in part 19 we are going to look at becoming this kind of husband or wife.

We are not naturally born this kind of person and just because we are a Christian, doesn't mean we are or become this kind of spouse and that we can keep God's given instructions.

We must BECOME this kind of husband or wife.

When I take wedding ceremonies I say it's not about marrying Mr. and Mrs. Right, but being and becoming the right person.

I heard this recently and I believe this captures what I am saying really well.

'An attractive man and a pretty woman will make a beautiful wedding, but a righteous man and a virtuous woman will make a beautiful marriage.'

This is the opportunity but also the challenge for every man and woman who enter into this marriage covenant.

The way a man becomes a righteous man and a woman becomes virtuous is exactly the same.

Through the partaking of Christ Himself.

***John 6:53-58 "So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.***

***<sup>54</sup> He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.***

***<sup>55</sup> For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.***

***<sup>56</sup> He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.***

***<sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.***

***<sup>58</sup> This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever."***

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What does it mean to eat His flesh and drink His blood, because without this we have NO LIFE IN OURSELVES.

This life is an ETERNAL life, not a earthly one, and it is an eternal life we need if we are going to be able to keep God's eternal instructions.

***John 12:50 "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."***

***Luke 10:25-28 "And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.""***

This eating and drinking is of a spiritual dynamic and one that we must experience and know in the spirit if we are to be and become this kind of husband and wife.

If we don't have this eternal life in us through eating and drinking then how can we demonstrate this eternal way of being Christlike. We can't live out what we don't have, it's as simple as that.

We are not to confuse an eternal life with eternity. They are 2 separate realities even though we will take our eternal life into eternity with us.

We are to know, experience and live out an eternal life now. It's a now reality not a future one.

We can see from verse 53 that the one who eats His flesh and drinks His blood abides in Christ, and so in turn has much fruit produced within them proving they are a disciple of Christ.

***John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."***

***John 15:8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."***

***John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."***

If you don't know what it is to eat His flesh and drink His blood, then you don't know what it is to abide and if you don't know what it is to abide, then you are not having His eternal life built in you.

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Rather than me try to explain what it is to eat, drink and abide in Him and have you try to grasp this in the mind, I am going to point you towards Jesus Himself. I encourage you to seek the Spirit and ask Him to show you and do this work in you, so you will know through your encounter with Him, what this abiding life is which produces an eternal life.

This is the only way to know and have this eternal life produced in you so you become a righteous husband and a virtuous wife.

## QUESTIONS

1. What are our thoughts around this statement - 'An attractive man and a pretty woman will make a beautiful wedding, but a righteous man and a virtuous woman will make a beautiful marriage'.
2. Why is it essential we become this husband and this wife?
3. What can you testify to in relation to the eating and drinking of Christ Himself?
4. Why is this to be experienced and not intellectually grasped?
5. What can someone live out who abides in Christ?

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