

## **Proclaiming the Excellencies of Christ in Marriage Life**

### **1 Peter 2:9, 12; 3:1-7**

- I Marriage in a hostile society
  - A Christian wives living with unbelieving husbands (1 Peter 3:1-6)
    - 1 Husbands who do not obey/believe the word (v.1)
    - 2 Christian wives win their husbands not through their words but through their conduct.
    - 3 Respectful conduct – a means of evangelism (v. 2)
    - 4 Being subject to their own husbands (vv.1,5; Eph. 5:22; Titus 2:5)
    - 5 Winning the husband for Christ through their conduct and not by preaching (v.1; 1 Cor. 7:14)
    - 6 Taking care of inward beauty more than outward beauty (v. 4)
  - B Husbands living with their wives with understanding (v. 7)
    - 1 Endeavouring to understand the needs of their wives
    - 2 Showing honour to their wives
    - 3 Realizing their wife is a joint-heir with them of the grace of life
    - 4 Having a proper and godly relationship with their wife so that their prayers are not hindered.
- II The Bible's View of Marriage
  - A Both male and female are image bearers of God - equal but different (Gen. 1:26)
  - B Both proclaim the excellencies of God in different ways
  - C Having different roles but a unity of purpose (Gen. 2:18)
- III The Trinity – a Pattern for the relationship between wife and husband (Phil. 2:5-11)
  - A The Son's sacrificial submission to the Father
  - B The "Dance of the Trinity"
- IV The Son's Sacrificial Authority In Relationship With His Disciples (John 13:12-16)
- V Husbands as self-sacrificing leaders (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:23,25)
  - A Learning to be a proper "head".
    - 1 It does not mean the man is more valuable than the woman
    - 2 It does not mean that the man is to be a dictator, making independent decisions and telling his wife what to do.
  - B Commanded to love with self-sacrificing love (Eph. 5:25)
- VI Submitting to our gender roles