

# ***THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE***

## **PREFACE:**

God created us to be male and female for the purpose of having a marriage relationship. He created into marriage both physical and spiritual blessings that cannot be found in any other relationship among human beings. God gives us his plan and purpose for marriage in his Word, the Bible. God indicates in his Word that marriage is the most blessed of relationships between human beings. God compares his relationship with us to the relationship between a husband and wife.

Many cultures in the world have ignored God's plan and purpose for marriage. They have misused and abused the marriage relationship to satisfy their worldly desires. Many cultures have struggled and even disappeared from this earth simply because they refused to respect God's will for marriage. Both the church and the culture will be strong when God's plan and purpose for marriage are followed.

We cannot separate our marriage from the Christian life. A Christian who does not follow God's plan for marriage is not following God. We must correct our marriage relationship to follow God's plan. We will see clearly to correct the church and our culture, when our marriage is correct. We must bring all things, including our marriage, under submission to God's will.

This study of Christian Marriage is an attempt to help restore God's plan and purpose in marriage. In all but a few lessons, its teachings are based on God's Word. In those lessons where God's Word is not quoted, the teachings are based on practical observations from a Christian view point. At the end of this book is a list of books that I consulted in writing these lessons. You may want to purchase these books for further study. It is my prayer that this study of God's plan and purpose for marriage will be a blessing to your present marriage or to your future marriage. Marriage can be a beautiful companionship when you follow God's plan and purpose.

For His glory,

Bob Sheffler

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