**Christ Companion Bible Church**

**Weekly Bible Study**

**Study Location: Date: 15th October, 2019**

**GETTING THE BEST IN MARRIAGE (PART II)**

***Genesis 2:18-21; 1: 27, 28. Isaiah 43:7, Malachi 2:15, 1Corinthians 7:1-5.***

God in His infinite Wisdom ordered and established the earth with noble and great purpose in mind! Proverb 8:23-36. All creatures, seasons, natural systems and civility work and perform at their best as governed by the Word and Wisdom of God. Nothing in the natural order exist without a purpose!

**GOD PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE**

***Genesis 2:18-21, 18:17-19, Proverb 18:22, 1Corinthians 7:1-5.***

A lot of people go into marriage without thorough understanding of God’s purpose! Some marry because they think it is a normal thing to do, some are pressurized into it, many for selfish intentions. These among many other reasons account for the high rate of failed marriages as we have in our society today. The marriage institution which is meant to bring joy, support and fulfillment into families had become source of anguish, sorrow, troubles and hardship to many. Genesis 3:7,8.

The discovery of God’s purpose for marriage will enable a child of God to cherish, honor and handle it with care in order to keep, protect and preserve it as a treasure of great worth! Matthew 13:44-46.

1***. The first reason God gave marriage is to enable both man and woman fulfill his creative purpose of God-likeness and dominion on earth having been made in God’s image.*** Humans are the agents of God to rule and reign over everything on earth! Our godliness, righteousness and excellence in every undertaken bring Joy, satisfaction and glory to God. Genesis 1:26; Isa. 43:7.

Note that in Genesis 1:26 creation of man was out of combined thoughts and efforts of triune God-The Holy Trinity***. “…let us make man***”. Also their success is seen in the light of combined effort and synergy: ***“…let them have dominion over…”.*** Thus the root of human success and dominion is hinged on marriage from the on set! Ecclesiastes.4:9-12.

***2. Marriage is given for fruitfulness. Genesis 1:28***. The fruitfulness in marriage is dual: (1) Fruit of procreation. Genesis 4:1 (2) Fruit of successful undertaken (synergetic output) and dealings. Deuteronomy 32:30

***3. Helpmeet Genesis 2:20.*** The term “help meet” implies one that fits one, one who is perfect or make one complete in every term and area of life. Someone you cannot substitute with any other. The most suitable to bring out your best in every sense! Proverb 31:29. This is the bone of one’s bone specially customized for each other. Genesis 2:23

***4. Friendship and companionship:*** Genesis 2:24, 1Peter.3: 8,9. Here, “***deep calleth unto deep.***” Heart and mind can be laid bare without fear, sincere counsel and admonition rendered, genuine love and help rendered. Truth is spoken with best interest at heart and nothing hidden. Genesis 2:24-25, Proverbs 31:10-12. Togetherness as against loneliness! Genesis 2:18.

***5. Leadership, support and parenthood:*** Genesis 18:19, Matthew 2:13-15, Proverbs 22:6. In marriage, man provides leadership for the family. The woman supports with her richly endowed resources (Proverbs 31:10-31). The combined leadership provides a place to raise and train godly seed that mold better future generations! Exodus.3:6.

***6. Mutual relationship for pleasure, joy and comfort. 1Corinthians 7:1-5, Proverb.5:15-19***. Life without pleasure is tedious! Real comfort and joy is found in mutual love. Ecclesiastes 9:7-9. The world trades fake versions of pleasure and comfort. God gives marriage for the real deal. The Christian couples must explore this godly offer with full satisfaction, contentment and offer of praise to God. 1Timothy 6:6-17.

***7. Service to God to fulfill His redemptive goodwill towards mankind regarding His earthly and eternal purpose.*** Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:5-11. God has special interest in godly home. There He seeks to fulfill His great and wonderful promises. Moses, Joseph, David, Christ e.t.c were all products of godly home! Godly marriage is the foundation of godly home which in turn is the harbinger of godly future generation. God’s purpose for family is primary to all His wonderful counsels. Hence the need for the church and every child of God to value it! Good foundation marriage signifies greater experience of peace, joy and prosperity in righteousness. May God give us home that is Christ-centered. Amen.

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**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

**CHS 183. HAPPY THE HOME WHEN GOD IS THERE**

*(Hymn Tune: Amazing Grace)*

1. Happy the home when God is there,

And love fills every breast;

When one their wish, and one their prayer,

And one their heavenly rest.

2. Happy the home where Jesus’ name

Is sweet to every ear;

Where children early lisp His fame,

And parents hold Him dear.

3. Happy the home where prayer is heard,

And praise is wont to rise;

Where parents love the sacred Word

And all its wisdom prize.

4. Lord, let us in our homes agree

This blessed peace to gain;

Unite our hearts in love to Thee,

And love to all will reign.

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