**Christ Companion Bible Church**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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

**GETTING THE BEST IN MARRIAGE (PART 1)**

***Gen 2: 20-25, Matthew 19: 4-6, Hebrew 13:4***

Marriage has divine origin! God is the Author as well as the Finisher. Hebrew 12:2. The dream and intention of God over marriage goes beyond animalistic procreation. Human beings are special species with eternal destiny! (John.6:58). Having been made in the image of God, it is expected that godliness and righteousness reigns in every home under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Malachi 2:15. The product of every God-glorifying marriage is “godly seed” Genesis 18:19. Such are men and women that grow, get trained and matured to serve God’s purpose in every generation! Psalm 22:28-31. Peace, security, prosperity and righteousness in society are all determining factors in marriage foundation and integrity. The Church is God’s model in the world, the church is the only hope of the world. Therefore, all the stakeholders (the leaders and the led) must ensure that every marriage foundation is laid on Christ, “the Rock”, which is the only true and solid foundation that sustained without failure! Luke.6:46-49.

1. **God as the Author and Finisher of Marriage**

***Genesis 2: 18-25, Hebrews 12: 2, Matthew 19: 4-6, Proverbs 18: 22***

 God ordained marriage with a favourable end in view. Genesis 1: 26-28. Such end includes: fruitfulness, multiplication, and dominion over everything on earth!

 God’s concept of marriage is one man and one woman united by covenant as husband and wife. Matthew 19: 4, 6. In God’s divine equation, the two become inseparable entity that only death can part. Romans 7: 1-3. Obedience to marriage ordinances brings both man and woman involved into a honorable state of partnership with God to fulfill His earthly and eternal counsel in all generations. Genesis 22: 15-18.

 As originator of marriage, God is the only one who can successfully uphold and bring the marriage to a fulfilling and joyful ultimate end. God saw Christ “the seed of the woman” in Adam-Eve union and work intricately through countless circumstances and challenges to bring his noble purpose to pass! Genesis 3: 15, Romans 5: 17-21.

 Every marriage ordained, directed and placed under God tutelage shall without failure bring forth a rewarding and fulfilling noble end. Jeremiah 29: 11, Proverb 18: 22, Ephesians. 5: 20-27.

1. **Human Perversion of Marriage and Grave Consequences**

***Matthew 19: 4-6, Deuteronomy 17:17, 1Kings 11:1-7, Malachi. 2:10-17, Romans 1:26-28, Leviticus 18: 5-24.***

 The hardest truth for mankind to learn is the fact that “God is love”. 1John 4:7-9. Whatever He does, says and commands is in the best interest of mankind. Joshua 1:8. Apart from ignorance of God’s love and depravity in man, Satan is out to tempt mankind with lust and deceit to set man in rebellion against God through disobedience to God’s order and establishment! John.8:44.

1. ***Mankind is deceived to find fault and see defects in God’s best***. Genesis 3:4-7. The consequence is shame, nakedness and pitfalls. Genesis 3:7,8.
2. Polygamy, polyandry as alternate to God’s ordained one man, one wife injunction has unleashed upon families all sorts of terror, wickedness and anguish. Genesis 16:3-6; 21: 8-12, 2Samuel 3: 2-5;13: 1-31.
3. ***marriages as an emerging trend today are great abominations before God!*** Romans 1:18-27, \Leviticus 18:22.
4. ***Near kin immoral relationship is a grievous sin before God.*** All forms of incest are ungodly practices. Leviticus 18: 6-17.
5. ***Mankind is so depraved that some get involved with animals with consequential incurable diseases of different versions.*** What a shame! Leviticus 18:23
6. ***Transgender is another trend in our*** days whereby humans change their natural mode to another, even some to lower animal! Men changing to women and women to Men! Their reprobate mind is deceived being reprobate in their mind with vile affections. Jude vs 4-8, Romans 2:6-11.
7. ***Marriage with dolls is another of perversion*** that human lust and depravity is promoting today. God hates every perversion to His divine orders. Each of such attracts curses, anguish and fiery judgment. Beware! Leviticus 18: 29,30.

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**CHS 38. MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**

1. My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;*

*All other ground is sinking sand,*

*All other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;

In every high and stormy gale,

My anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood

Support me in the whelming flood;

When all around my soul gives way,

He then is all my hope and stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh, may I then in Him be found;

Dressed in His righteousness alone,

Faultless to stand before the throne.

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