

Day 3, Lesson 5: Courtship & Marriage, He Made Them Male and Female

Objective

Marriage is a life-long union ordained by God between a man and a woman - a help suitable for each other; Through marriage God fulfills His creation work according to His will

Learning Outcome

Explain how God established marriage for the benefit of mankind.

Confirmation Exercise Questions

- None

Reference Material

Booklet Song:

You made us for each other, God, / You gave us one another. / Oh, may our hearts abide in love / That each would serve the other. (SHZ 253 v.1)

Booklet Text:

Charity suffereth long, and is kind (1 Cor. 13:4)

Additional Reference Material

SCRIPTURE

Gen. 1:26-28; 2:23,24; Exod. 20:14; Matt. 5:28; John 8:1-11; Rom. 1:22-27; 1 Cor. 6:9,15,16,18-20; 7:1,2,7-9; 10:8; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 5:5; 1 John 2:16; Prov. 18:22; 19:14; 31:10-12; Matt. 19:5; 1 Cor. 13; Eph. 5:22-33; 6:1-4; Col.3:18-21; 2; Tim. 2:22; Eph. 4:32

CURRICULUM

- Lessons 7.3, 7.4, 9.6

ADDITIONAL LESSON POINTS

- Marriage is instituted and ordained by God; this union only ends with the death of one spouse.
- The purpose of marriage is to receive a help “meet”, and for procreation.
- In God's creation man and woman are equal, although they are different.
- The unmarried and single state are just as worthy roles and forms of life as the married state.
- Understand the purpose of courtship and how a believer conducts him/herself in courtship avoiding temptation (for example, by listening to God's Word, discussing our temptations with other believers, caring for our conscience, choosing a sincerely believing group of friends, etc.)

- Understand what are the most important characteristics in a life's companion.
- Student will feel responsibility in the matters of love and courtship and understand that God forgives sins and failing in this area also.
- Student will recognize the outward and inward prerequisites for establishing a family.

RESOURCES

- By Faith 35;
- Christian Doctrine 93, 94;
- [From Victory to Victory, p. 75-82;](#)
- [Luther's Small Catechism](#)
- Pastor's Guide to Christian Weddings
- Christian Courtship, 1996 Outlook Summer Services – Youth Discussion D Rintamaki
- The Sanctity of Marriage, 1999 Detroit Summer Services, Walt Lampi
- [The Scriptural Foundation of Marriage and Family, W. Lampi, Crossing the Current, p. 70](#)
- He Made Them Male and Female, 2006 LLC Sum. Svc. Youth Discussion K. Waaraniemi;
- [The Treasure Hidden in the Field, J. Uljas, p. 100-106](#)
- [The Beauty of Courtship, At the Crossroads of Choosing, p.55](#)
- VZ: – series of articles in February, March, April, and June 2003