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Marriage

God created the world and all that was in it and said it was good. But when Adam was in Eden alone God said it is not good that the man should be alone.

The Bible starts and finishes with a marriage. Adam and Eve in Genesis, Jesus Christ and His Bride, the New Jerusalem, in Revelation. So the married state is of vital importance to God.

Marriage is far more than just two people living together. Eve was taken from Adam. She was originally part of him. She was all the feminine side of what had been one person and was made into a separate individual. But this could only become good when the two came together to live as one person, when Adam was no longer alone, when those two, who had been one, voluntarily became one again in body mind and soul. They would be one again but in a different form.

Jesus once said something that seems impossible to us. "Be ye perfect even as God is Perfect."

How can any of us with our selfish natures, preconceived ideas and, especially in my case, general laziness, be perfect? It doesn't matter what I do I cannot become perfect. And I bet you can't either. I can't even keep the Old Testament 10 commandments let alone the full extension of those in the Sermon on the Mount!

But Jesus commanded us to be perfect so there has to be a way. And there is.

In a Christian marriage the husband is the head. Now before anyone gets wild with me I am talking of a Bible believing couple being married. What anyone of any other religion or no religion thinks marriage is about is their view. I am simply stating Biblical Christian principles.

A Christian marriage is a picture of Jesus relationship with His Church. Now when a man marries his bride she becomes one with Him. What He owns, she owns, what He is, she becomes part of, be it a business, a farm, or whatever. In the church's case the husband is a King so she becomes a Queen. But she also becomes all that He is, and He is perfect!

So when a Christian completely gives their life to Jesus Christ as a Christian Bride does to her husband then she becomes part of Him and His perfection. All Sins, all mistakes are past, forgotten and forgiven.

But what the Message teaches us is that the Bride of Christ was in Christ before the foundation of the world. She is a part of Him and was eternal with Him. That is why God asks Job that rather weird question in chapter 38 verse 4. "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world? Declare, if you have understanding." God is saying that Job was somewhere in eternity when the world was created. He hints at that concept when, still talking of the earth's creation, He says that all the sons of God shouted for joy.

Job was a son of God. Abraham, Noah, Peter, Paul, even I am a son of God. If that is so we were all in God before the foundation of the world. We all shouted for joy as the cornerstone was laid. So we were all in God just as Eve was in Adam.

It is not good that Adam should be alone and Adam was made in the image of God. It is not good that God should be alone. So God Himself came a lived in a human body on earth, was put to sleep on the cross and had His side opened up so His Bride, His church, a by product of Himself, could become a separate individual.

And when she ignores Satan's temptations this time and stands on God's revealed Word for the hour the marriage union takes

place.

She becomes one with the Word. The two individuals voluntarily become one in mind body and soul.

She becomes a new person in Him, and the head of the house leads her just as our bodies are lead by our heads. His thoughts become her thoughts, His Word her word.

And God says that is good.