

Partners in Purity - Children of the Light

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Introduction: When you take a “text” out of a “context” all you are left with is a “con”...

Text: Ephesians 5:21-33

Contexts: then and now – 4 problems

- Presumed familiarity
- Personal failure
- Pluralistic counterfeits
- Poor Pictures going by the name of “christian”

I. Christian marriage is a Partnership – not a power-relationship – a dance

- It begins with a call to voluntary and mutual submission

II. Christian marriage is a Picture – not merely a private relationship – a drama

- It is a relationship that is visible that stands for a larger reality which is invisible... we might call it the “drama of marriage” which has three roles...

A. The Submission of Wives – The Choice to follow Jesus’ model

B. The Sacrifice of Husbands – The Commitment that models Jesus’ work

[1] by caring for her – as he does his own body – connection

[2] by “cleansing” her – as Jesus does His own Body

[3] by committing to her – exclusively & exhaustively – to the death

C. The Service of Jesus – The Church that reflects the Jesus’ wedding

III. Christian marriage is a Process – not mere a “point in time” – a destiny

- a vehicle to make spouses both whole and holy

Two ways to use words

scientia

sapientia

Conclusion – How will I respond, reflect, and resolve?