



Sermon Notes: March 19, 2017

The Covenant of Marriage

Series: "The Christian Family"

Ephesians 5:31-33 • Pastor Paul Bradford

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- **According to the Bible, what is needed to form a valid marriage?**
 - Commitment to marry
 - Covenant that is societally and legally binding
 - Consummation of the marriage
 - **What commitments do a couple make when they enter a covenant of marriage?** When I entered my marriage covenant I committed to...
 - Living with my spouse in a faithful, lifelong, and exclusive relationship
 - Being attentive to my spouse's well-being
 - Loving and honoring my spouse unconditionally
 - **What are the benefits of the biblical covenant of marriage?**
 - Covenant love in marriage glorifies God
 - Covenant love in marriage brings stability, warmth, and joy to marriage

Our Response

We must honor the covenant of marriage in our personal lives and in the lives of others, upholding faithfulness, love, and honor in marriage, for the glory of God and for the highest good of all.

Life Application Questions

- Where do I need to repent for violating the God-created covenant of marriage, whether when single or when married?
- What is one specific way I can commit to showing unconditional love or honor to my wife or husband this week?
- Whether single or married, how can I honor and uphold the covenant of marriage?