

WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

**Our “shadow” “parable” marriage is to be a
Reflection of our relationship to Jesus**

**Relation of Christ to
the Body of Christ**

Christ & Church

Shadow Marriage

Husband and Wife

Scriptures:

1 Cor 4.1

Eph 3.9

Luke 9.24

Rev 19.7, 9

Col 1.27

Col 1.28

Phil 3.10-11

Matt 13.11

Eph 5

Isaiah 54.4

John 3.30

SLIDE 1

SIX PARALLELS OF MARRIAGE

**To Our Relationship
with Christ**

- 1. Preparation**
- 2. Total Commitment**
- 3. One Spirit**
- 4. Stands Through Tests and Trials**
- 5. Grows Into Perfect Fulness**
- 6. Abandonment to All Others**

SLIDE 2

PREPARATION

(Goal: To lift up your spouse)

Our Relation with Christ

- Must be adorned with righteousness**
- Don't forget your wedding dress**
- Keep watching**
- Make provision for the future**

“Shadow” Marriage

- Prepare to be a better spouse**
- Prepare for trials**
- Carry out profession/commitment**

Scriptures:

Rev 19.7

Rev 22.1-5

Rev 21.3

1 Tim 6.19

Isaiah 61.10

Rev 22.1-5

Luke 12.35-37

Jer 2.32

Rev 19.1

Matt 25.1-18

SLIDE 3

TOTAL COMMITMENT

Our Relation with Christ

- Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with *all* thy heart, soul, mind and strength**
- He that is not with Me...**
- Consumed with Jesus and His will**

“Shadow” Marriage

- Vows are unconditional**
- Commit lives totally to one another**
- Consumed with your spouse’s good**

Scriptures:

**Matt 22.37-38
Song 7.10**

Matt 12.30

Rev 3.15-16

ONE SPIRIT

Our Relation with Christ

- Joined to the Lord as one**
- Constant Communion With Him**
- Lord's Presence Always a Reality**
- Mutual Sharing (Love, Thoughts, Plans)**

"Shadow" Marriage

- Two Become One**
- Submit One to Another**
- Consider One Another**
- Mutual Sharing (Love, Thoughts, Plans)**

Scriptures:

John 17.21-23
1 Cor 6.17

Matt 19.5-6

Eph 5.30-31

SLIDE 5

STANDS THROUGH TESTS AND TRIALS

Our Relation with Christ

- Armor of God – Stand Against the Enemy**
- Don't Doubt or be Lukewarm**
- Nothing to Separate Us from God's Love
(More than conquerors through Jesus)**

“Shadow” Marriage

- Weapons of Our Warfare are *not* Carnal –
Stand Against the Enemy**
- Don't be Lukewarm but Fervent in Love**
- Nothing to Separate – God Joined Together;
No Man Put Asunder**

Scriptures:

**Eph 6.12-13
2 Cor 10.3-4
Matt 19.6**

**Luke 22.31-32
Rev 3.16**

**Rom 8.38-39
1 Peter 4.8**

SLIDE 6

GROWS INTO PERFECT FULLNESS

Our Relation with Christ

- Grows into Fullness**
- Moves Forward – Glory to Glory**
- Must Leave Things Behind and Press Towards the Mark**

“Shadow” Marriage

- Grows into Fullness of God’s Intention for Marriage**
- Relationship Always Moving – Make Sure It’s Moving Forward!**
- Leave “Puppy Love” Behind – Press Towards Maturity**

Scriptures:

**Eph 4.3
2 Cor 3.18
Matt 19.6**

**Eph 4.13
Prov 4.18**

**Rev 2.5
Phil 3.13-14**

SLIDE 7

ABANDONMENT TO ALL OTHERS

Our Relation with Christ

- Our God is Jealous – Demands our All**
- Relationship Supercedes *All Other* Relationships**
- Most Needful Thing – Spend *Time* With Him**

“Shadow” Marriage

- Marriage – Life-Long Commitment to Love
One Person**
- Relationship Supercedes *All Others* but God**
- Most Needful Thing – Spend *Time* With Mate**

Scriptures:

**Deut 4.24
Matt 11.30**

**Matt 10.37
Col 4.17**

**Luke 10.42
1 Tim 3.12**

SLIDE 8