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Marriage

God is a spirit. So says Jesus in John 4 verse 24.

That Holy Spirit lived in Jesus of Nazareth and that Spirit can live in us. This incredible claim of Christianity is concisely stated in John 14 v20. Jesus said, "At that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you."

Jesus is here talking about a oneness between each individual Christian and Himself. It is a oneness so intimate that the only real illustration is that of a man and a woman in a marriage situation.

While marriage is often ignored today, even marred by other so called forms of partnerships or relationships, the reality in God's eyes is when two people become one they are married. That is why a woman gave up her name and accepted the name of her husband, she became one with her husband.

Now before anyone starts the normal tirade about a male chauvinism and about me lowering the place of a woman it is worth remembering that that the Biblical definition of marriage is an exact picture of the relationship between Jesus Christ and His Church. There the Church is subject to Christ, she cannot have another husband, or to put it another way, she cannot have another God. But the husband's role is just as demanding, possibly even more so than the wife's. He must so love His wife that He is willing to die for her, sacrifice all to ensure her safety, happiness and wellbeing.

But just as the world has tried to reduce marriage to a ceremony so too have some church leaders taken it upon themselves to reject God's Word, the Bible. They have taken away the miraculous, reduced anything supernatural to fables and most of history to myths.

They remind me of the seven women of Isaiah 4 verse 1 who want to be independent yet need a mans name to be accepted. They will eat their own bread, that is teach their own doctrines, wear their own apparel, that is produce their own levels of righteousness, but they still want to have the husbands name. In short they want to reject God's Word (and God's Word is Jesus) but still be called Christians. They simply want a marriage of convenience.

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