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To Coincide with Affirmation and Blessing of Marriage Service

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Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Bible, marriage is opened by physical marriage of Adam and Eve, and closed by spiritual marriage of Jesus and the church of God on the glorious clouds in the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

It is not easy to achieve spiritual marriage. If our marriage does not achieve spiritual marriage, everything will be useless and perish forever.

The condition to achieve spiritual marriage is Levi with Levi. It means as follows:

1. Sincerity.

Exodus 2:1-2

2:1. And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi.

2:2. So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.

It means that we are in the true teaching Word. The marriage will be unclean if we are not in one teaching Word.

Leviticus 19:19

19:19. You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.

The usefulness of sincerity of marriage are as follows:

- Becoming shield to fight against fiery darts of the evil, namely temptation up to false teaching.

2 Samuel 22:31

22:31. As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

- To purify our marriage, so it remains in sincerity and truth.

The result is our marriage has party ambience.

1 Corinthians 5:8

5:8. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

2. Unity in service.

2 Corinthians 3:6-9, 12

3:6. who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

3:7. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

3:8. how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious

3:9. For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

3:12. Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speechââ"

If a husband and the wife serve in unity, they have a hope to become as glorious as Lord Jesus Christ.

The signs are as follows:

- being full of courage to sacrifice physical things for getting spiritual one.

- persevering to serve God.

Romans 8:24-25

8:24. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he

sees?

8:25. *But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

If we persevere to serve God, we hope for what we do not see, namely seeing Jesus on the glorious clouds.

The results are as follows:

- God ensures our life.

1 Corinthians 9:9-10

9:9. *For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about?*

9:10. *Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.*

- Our marital life is accompanied and glorified by God.

John 12:26

12:26. *"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

3. Unity in the marriage.

Marriage formula is one husband + one wife equal with one. The sign of the cross is able to unify the husband and the wife.

There must be love in order to unify the marriage.

The practices of love in our life are as follows:

- Wife subjects to husband in everything, just as to the Lord.
Wife should not trust others more than her husband.
Husband loves his wife like himself and does not do bitterly toward her through speech or deed.
- Confessing and forgiving one another or finishing sin.
If we just confess but do not want to forgive, our sin will not be forgiven too by God.
- Do not demand or want to get physical advantage but know the right and obligation.

Colossians 3:14

3:14. *But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*

If our marriage has faith, hope and love, we will be able to see God face to face. Our marriage reaches spiritual marriage on the glorious clouds, enter marriage supper of the Lamb of God and rejoice forever.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

13:12. *For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.*

13:13. *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

God blesses us.