

# God's Plan and Purpose for Marriage

## Two Foundational Truths to Understand Regarding Marriage

1. Marriage was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by God
  - a. If God instituted marriage, then \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If God instituted marriage, then \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. If God instituted marriage, then \_\_\_\_\_
2. A biblical marriage must be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Because of the Gospel, Christians have become new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17). Therefore, in our marriage, our past does not define us, confine us, or determine our future.
  - Because of the Gospel we are forgiven (Ephesians 1:7) and we can forgive as Christ forgave us (Ephesians 4:32). Nothing done against us compares to our sin against God. Therefore all offenses, hostility, and bitterness between Christians (*or husbands and wives*) can be completely forgiven and removed.
  - Because of the Gospel, sin's ruling power over us is broken (Romans 6:6, 14). Therefore we can truly obey all that God calls us to do in our marriage, regardless of any circumstance or situation.

## Two Truths Showing Us God's Plan/Intention for Marriage

1. God intends the marriage relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. God intends the marriage relationship \_\_\_\_\_

## God's Purpose for Marriage

1. God created marriage to be \_\_\_\_\_  
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