

Oxford Baptist Church – October 27, 2019 – Pastor Robin W. Pifer
Series: Transformed for Christ's Glory
Scriptures Eph 4:1- 5:32 – Transformed Relationships
Message: “Transformed to Oneness.”

The World's view of Marriage.

- Live together.
- High Divorce Rate.
- People are unhappy in Marriage.
- Traditional and Oppressive.
- Private arrangement for personal satisfaction.
- Physical Attractiveness and sexual chemistry.
- Compatibility – “Me Marriage.”

The Meaning of Marriage – Tim Keller

The Ring Makes All the Difference – Glenn T. Stanton

The Biblical View of Marriage.

Genesis 2:20-25; Matt 19:5; Eph 5:31

God's Purpose of Marriage is Oneness.

“Marriage is a man and a woman who have committed themselves to take individual responsibility to work together for the fulfilment of each other through a personal relationship of faithfulness, trust and commitment to Jesus Christ.”

- Be Imitators of God – Eph 5:1-10
- Walk Wisely as Children of light. Eph 5:8-17
- Spirit-filled life. Eph 5:15-21

How can a marriage work and be healthy?

1. _____ is the only way a marriage can work through Jesus Christ. Eph 5:21-33

2. _____ is the Foundation of Marriage. 2Cor 6:14
3. _____ is developing a deep friendship in your marriage. (Mind, Will, emotions) Living by the conviction that you are God's chosen minister to your spouse.
4. _____ is developing body intimacy. Hebrews 13:4

The Marriage Builder – Larry Crabb Marriage that Works – Chip Ingram

- The Marriage Triangle

The greatest thing you can ever do for your marriage is to live as a committed, passionate follower of Jesus Christ. Closer to God, closer to each other.

Life Group Questions

1. Why is having the right understanding of Marriage so important today?
2. Contrast and discuss the worldly views of marriage and the Biblical view of marriage? What are the differences?
3. Why is God's purpose for marriage oneness between one woman and one man? Discuss Biblical reasons.
4. How does Ephesians 4 and 5 set us up for a healthy relationship for marriage?
5. Discuss the definition of marriage?
6. Why is spiritual oneness the foundation in a healthy marriage?
7. Discuss the implications of Soul Oneness and Physical Oneness in marriage.
8. How does this message impact a single Christian in their choice of a marriage partner?