

CHRISTIAN CEREMONY #1

MINISTER: Marriage is an institution of divine appointment and is commended as Honorable among all men. It is the most important step in life, and should not therefore be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but discreetly and soberly.

In this state, these two persons come now to be joined. If any person present can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak or less hereafter forever hold their peace.

I solemnly require and charge you both, to have joy and peace in the marriage state, if either of you know any just cause why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, you do now confess it.

(Couple joins right hands)

MINISTER: (to groom) Do you, sir, take this woman to be your lawful wife and do you promise before god and these witnesses, to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep thee only unto her so long as you both shall live?

GROOM: "I DO"

MINISTER: (to bride) Do you, sir, take this man to be your lawful husband and do you promise before god and these witnesses, to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep thee only unto him so long as you both shall live?

BRIDE: "I DO"

(If the parties wish to use the ring, the minister shall instruct the man to place the right hand and hold as he repeats after the minister)

With this ring I thee Wed!

MINISTER: In as much as this man and this woman have in the presence of god and these witnesses consented together to be joined in the lawful bonds of matrimony and there to have given and pledged their love for each to the other (and if a ring is used: have declared the same by giving and receiving a ring), I now according to the ordinances of god and in the name of the state of New Mexico, I now pronounce you Husband and Wife.

What therefore god has joined together let no man put asunder”.

Now may God of peace prosper and bless you in this new relation, and may the grace of Jesus Christ abound unto you now and always. AMEN>

You are now Husband and Wife!

You may kiss the bride.