

CHRISTIAN CEREMONY #2

Minister: We are together at this place and at this time to celebrate with **Groom's Name** and **Bride's Name** the completeness of their love. The book of faith, by which we as believers in Jesus Christ live, tells us that marriage is an honored event. For the reason of love a man and woman shall leave a home of their birth to share in love and trust a home of their own. Paul tells us there are many events and different feelings in life. Three are eternal: faith, hope, and love. But love, the love that is God and from God, is the greatest of them all. Without the love of God we would be empty people and lack the power of face life and its problems. Nor would we have any real hope for tomorrow.

Prayer:

Minister: Let us pray. Lord our God, source of all blessing, in happiness and joy we thank you for the gift of marriage, which we celebrate today. May you give Groom and Bride the ability to rejoice always in their love? May you fulfill every worthy mystery of the love they hold for each other, every day as today. And may their life together embrace and nurture the promise of this moment so that all who know them will call them truly blessed. AMEN!

Love is a word that contains do much impact, we are often find it hard to define it. Someone said love wants to give, and because it does, its prime goal is to make the other person happy. It is a desire to please the partner. It is the passionate and abiding desire on the part of two persons to produce together and yet spontaneously express their individuality in the context of marriage. Love is the soil and climate in which each can flourish, far superior to what either could achieve none have achieved the beauty and majesty of the apostle Paul's soaring description of God's kind of love found in 1 Corinthians:

If I speak with tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have a gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly: it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

But now abide faith, hope, love these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The kind of homes we need most are those where two lives are being drawn together by a holy love greater than their own. If your commitment has these dimensions, love goes forever. Believing that the home you wish to establish is founded on that kind of love, love of God, it is my privilege to ask:

Who gives this woman to be married to this man? (Response by father, family member: I do.)

Minister: Will you please face each other and join hands.

Groom's Name, would you repeat after me: I **Groom's Name**, take you, **Bride's Name**, to be my wedded wife. To have and to hold from this day. To care for and to encourage in both good times and bad. I promise to live for Christ and with you in the full awareness of trust and love, and with this commitment, I pledge to you my love.

Bride's Name, would you repeat after me: I **Bride's Name** take you, **Groom's Name**, to be my wedded husband. To have and to hold from this day. To care for and to encourage in both good times and bad. I promise to live for Christ and with you in the full awareness of trust and love, and with this commitment, I pledge to you my love.

Ring Service:

These rings are symbols of your commitment of love.

They are made of gold, expressing the purity which should always be in your marriage. They are formed in circles, expressing the unending dimension of your love and eternal love of god. Share these rings now in the full awareness of Christ's love in you and through you.

Groom's Name would you place this ring on **Bride's Name** finger? Would you hold it there and repeat after me:

Bride's Name, I give this ring, as a visible token of my love, and I give it to you as my own life.

Bride's Name would you place this ring on **Groom's Name** finger? Would you hold it there and repeat after me:

Groom's Name, I give this ring, as a visible token of my love, and I give it to you as my own life.

Minister: Let us pray: O Lord, thou art love, Bride and Groom's Names bring their earthly love to thee. Teach them to know thy loving way that their love may be like thine. As their love grows in your image, grant them the grace, wisdom and compassion to show other thy love. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the highest expression of your love for us. **AMEN.**

Having spoken words of testimony and commitment as to your love, one for the other, I, by the authority of this state and by the commission of God and Christ as a minister of the gospel, declare and proclaim that you Groom's Name and you, Bride's Name, are husband and wife. What God has joined together in this love, let no man ever attempt to break or destroy. For no one hates his own body, but lovingly cares for it just as Christ cares for this body the church of which we are part.

God Bless you.

You are now Husband and Wife!

You may kiss your bride!