

WEDDING CEREMONY #3

Welcome Friends and Family. Thank you for joining us in this joyful celebration.

Today we are gathered together to witness the marriage of Bride and Groom's names

Mark 10:6-9

From the beginning of creation God made them male and female, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh, What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Who gives this woman to married to this man?

Minister to Audience

This marriage is to signify not a bond but a free joining of spirit, mind and body in unified consciousness of love---to perform loves expression on earth.

For this cause were man and woman created as such: to love one another.

Real love, through each, recognizes and affirms the Godliness of the other, real love, through each, affirms the creativeness in the other.

I read now from the Holy Bible:

1st Corinthians verse 13:

Though I speak with the voice of angels, and I have the gift of prophecy, If I have no love I have nothing at all.

Love is Patient,

Love is Kind and gentle and envies no one.

Love is never boastful, or conceited, nor rude,

Love is never selfish.

Love is not quick to take offence.

Love keeps no score of wrong doings; does not gloat over another's error, but delights in the truth.

There is nothing love cannot face, there is no limit to its faith, its hope and its endurance.

In a word, there are three things that last forever, faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.

Minister to bride and groom

Jesus said "As I have loved you, love one another." (John 13:34)

Bride and Groom hold hands.

Minister:

Bride's Name --- These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and vibrant with love, his hands are holding your hands on your wedding day, as he promises to love you all the days of his life.

These are the hands that will work along side yours, as together you build your future, as you laugh and cry, as you share your innermost secrets and dreams.

These are the hands that look so large and strong, yet will be so gentle as he holds and comforts you.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, for a lifetime of happiness.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes: tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will comfort you in illness, and hold you when fear or grief wracks your mind.

These are the hands that will tenderly lift your chin and brush your cheek as they raise your face to look into his eyes; eyes that are filled completely with his overwhelming love and desire for you.

Groom's Name --- These are the hands of YOUR best friend, smooth, young and carefree, holding your hands on your wedding day, as she pledges her love and commitment to you all the days of her life.

These are the hands that will hold you in tender love, soothing them through illness and hurt, supporting and encouraging them along the way, and knowing when it is time to let go.

Today your separate lives with their individual memories, desires, and hopes, are merged into one.

To Groom:

Do you Groom's name, freely take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife, do you promise to love, honor and cherish her, to have and to hold from this day forward; and do you promise, to forsake all others, and to cleave to her and her alone, for as long as you both shall live?

Groom responds: I DO

Minister to bride:

Do you, Bride's name, freely take this man as your lawful wedded husband, do you promise to love, honor and cherish him to have and to hold from this day forward; and do you promise, to forsake all others, and to cleave to him and him alone, for as long as you both shall live?

Bride responds: I DO

What token do you give in love?

Ring are passed to minister.

(Minister holds the ring up, saying to the audience)

This ring is a symbol of unity----two hearts joined as one----and of mutual respect and love for one another.

Minister to groom:

As such, will you place it upon HER finger.

Minster repeats process with bride.

Bride and groom's names

Sooner or later you'll begin to understand that love is more than verses on valentine cards and romance in the movies. You will begin to know that love is here and now, real and true. Love is the most important thing in your lives. For love is the creator of our favorite memories and the foundation of our fondest dreams. Love is a promise that is always kept, a fortune that can never be spent, a seed that can flourish in even the most unlikely of places. And this radiance that never fades, this mysterious and magical joy, is the greatest treasure of all -- one known only by those who love.

When things in your life together presents challenges and there will be challenges – remember the ring on your finger twist it and know that love can solve everything. ASK what would love do in the situation.

You are no longer alone you have a partner in life so pull together not apart. When you are at odds with one another ask would I rather prove I'm right or would I rather make him/her happy.

LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love that unites bride and groom's names

May they receive the abundance of life and the blessings of love as they share themselves in union together as they begin their future as married partners. May they serve you and their mission on earth in the spirit of love. Thank you Wonderful God. AMEN

In as much as you, bride and groom's names, have consented before God and these witnesses to join together in marriage, merging your lives and purposes with one another, and endeavoring to love and honor one another and,

In the presence of God and by the power vested in me as an Ordained Minister of the Teaching of the Inner Christ and the State of _____, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Minister says to Groom: YOU MAY KISS YOUR BRIDE

Minister introduces the couple