

What God Has Joined Together

Matt. 19:6

Introduction:

- A. Text refers to two being joined together in marriage (Matt. 19:1-9).
 - 1. Man puts asunder for every cause.
 - 2. God allows it for one cause — fornication.
 - 3. Otherwise, only severed by death (Rom. 7:1-3).
- B. Other things that God has joined together that should not be put asunder:

Discussion:

- I. Baptism and Salvation (Mk. 16:15, 16; 1 Pet 3:21).**
 - A. Baptism and remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
 - B. Baptism and washing away of sins (Acts 22:16)
- II. Saving Faith and Works (Jas. 2:14-26).**
 - A. Faith without works is incomplete (vv. 22, 23).
 - B. Faith without works is dead (v. 26).
- III. Christ and the Church.**
 - A. Cannot sever body from head (cf. Eph. 1:22,23).
 - B. Baptized into Christ and the church (Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13).
- IV. The Saved and The Church.**
 - A. Saved are added to church (Acts 2:47)
 - B. Jesus is the savior of the church (Eph. 5:22-30).
- V. Members Compacted Together in One Body (Eph 4:16)**
 - A. Keep unity (Eph 4:1-3)
 - B. To be no divisions (1 Cor. 1:10).
 - C. Mark those who cause divisions (Rom. 16:17-18; cf. Tit. 3:10).
- VI. The Righteous and Wicked in the Resurrection.**
 - A. God will separate them *after* the resurrection (Matt. 25:32)
 - B. Both wicked and good raised (John 5:28, 29).

Conclusion:

- A. Let's not separate anything that God has joined together.
- B. Become joined to Christ — nothing but your unfaithfulness can separate you (Rom. 8:35-39).