

What Is a Christian Marriage?



A Christian marriage is a _____ agreement in which a man and a woman, both committed to Jesus Christ, are legally, physically, and spiritually joined as husband and wife.

- A **covenant** is a _____, a _____, a _____.

*“When a man makes a **vow** to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a **pledge**, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.” (Numbers 30:2)*

- A **covenant** is a formal, solemn binding _____.

*“God said to Abraham, ‘As for you, you must keep my **covenant**, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.’” (Genesis 17:9)*

- A **covenant** that is _____ displeases the Lord.

*“You flood the Lord’s altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, ‘Why?’ It is because the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your **marriage covenant**.” (Malachi 2:13–14)*

Q “Is there a real _____ if I marry an unbeliever whom I love? I believe our love will overcome all our _____.”

A Although your fiancé may have many positive qualities, you need to be realistic about the long-term ramifications of marrying a nonbeliever. Assuming you become yoked to him in marriage ...

- If he is headed toward _____, where are you pulled?
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The Bible says, *“Come out from them and be separate.”*

“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?... Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15, 17)