**“Christian Marriage Part II: The Great Privilege”**

**Ephesians 5:32**

**I. Christian Marriage is the best Possible Marriage**

Genesis 2:18-24

**A) The Difference is the Marriage revolves around God**

*“The role of the husband doesn’t begin at the altar - it begins with the atonement … at the cross.”* Gary & Betsy Ricucci, *Love That Lasts*.

**B) The Difference is the Holy Spirit with the couple**

John 14:23

The Example of Forgiveness

 a) Not just required to obey -Colossians 3:13

b) POWER to Forgive

***2 Peter 1:3*** *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us tohis own glory and excellence*

**C) The Difference is the Holy Spirit in the individual**

2 Corinthians 3:18 - We are becoming more and more like Christ - HOPE!

2 Corinthians 4:16

**D) The Difference is the Depth of the Riches of Christ**

**II. Christian Marriage is the Greatest Privilege**

**A) Privilege 1: Imaging Christ to the world**

Genesis 1:27

Ephesians 5:24-27

**B) Privilege 2: Representing Christ in the world**

**C) Privilege 3: One with Christ of a different world**

Ephesians 5:31-32

Colossians 3:3