

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

RELATIONSHIPS THAT PLEASE GOD

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PART 1A: WHAT GOD INTENDED

A church member recently asked me to do a biblical teaching on how to live with a spouse that is not in God's will. I looked sheepishly at the person and thought to myself that I had never preached on this subject and didn't know how to address it. So I told them that I would think and pray about it. As I pressed God for an answer, the Holy Spirit told me that He was responsible for prompting this person and I was to preach on the subject. Here is what the Holy Spirit had to write down.

GOD IS A GOD OF LAW AND ORDER

Since everything begins and ends with God as far as this earth is concerned, we need to look at how God set it up in the beginning:

1. When God made the creation, it was made under law and created in such a way that it followed the pattern God spoke out, they way it was to function. **Genesis 1:1-10**
2. God created the vegetation to function under His laws. **verses 11-13**
3. God created the lights in the heavens under His laws. **verses 14-19**
4. God created animals, birds, fish and insects under His laws. **verses 20-25**
5. God created man after His own image and told man to cultivate the earth, have children, and rule all living beings on the earth. This was God's law for mankind.
6. Humans and all living things were vegetarians and this was God's law for how they were to sustain themselves. There was no killing or shedding of blood. **verses 29-31**

SIN CHANGED THE ORIGINAL LAWS

According to God's perfect law, man and all created beings were to be obedient to the laws of God resulting in a perfect world with total harmony. God warned Adam that things would change and death would come into the creation if he disobeyed. **Genesis 2:15-17**

Adam and Eve disobeyed and the entire creation on earth fell under death, sin and destruction. **Genesis 3:1-20; Romans 8:19-22**

God was the first one to spill blood as a token of the coming atonement of Christ on the cross. **Genesis 3:21**

Man was driven out from the Garden of Eden. **verses 22-24**



MARRIAGE – GOD’S LAW FOR MAN

God never created homosexuality; instead, this is an expression of lawlessness since God had clearly stated that all living beings were to produce offspring, and the only way for offspring to come into existence is for a male and a female to mate.

God then created marriage as part of His law for mankind and made it clear that marriage is between one man and one woman. **Genesis 2:18-25**

God did not intend for a man and a wife to divorce, nor did He intend for men to have more than one wife. **Matthew 19:1-9**

RAISING CHILDREN

The first written instructions on child rearing were recorded by Moses who told the people that educating children with the Word of God was an absolute necessity. **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?