

Five Ways Anyone Can Prepare for the Upcoming Blessing!

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Here are the communities that will hold a Blessing Ceremony:



The Cosmic Blessing is one of the most anticipated events of the year for our worldwide community. This year, more than 60 couples from North America will travel to Korea for the main event on February 7, and 12 communities across the USA will host the event on the evening of February 6 for the couples in their area.

Whether you're single, Blessed, or about to receive the Blessing next week, here are five ways anyone can help prepare for the big day!

1. Reflect on the Blessing.

Ask yourself these important questions: What does the Blessing mean to me? What does it mean to True Parents and Heavenly Parent? What historic significance is behind it? Consider [reading up](#) on the implications of the Marriage Blessing for the world.

2. Get inspired.

Ask someone you love or respect about their Blessing story. Listen to their years of experience and learn from their wisdom. A simple conversation can give you a much deeper look at Blessed life.

3. Support couples receiving the Blessing.

If you're not participating, your prayers and support can mean a lot. Say a prayer for a couple you know who is participating. Pray for their well-being and strength as a new Blessed Couple, as well as their future relationship and family. You can also support them by just letting them know you care. Have a nice conversation or send them a quick message of encouragement, or if you're willing to go the extra mile, give them a congratulatory gift. If you're into party planning, you can offer your help at a local Blessing Ceremony in your area.

4. If you're the parent of a participant, let them know you trust and love them.

Tell your child that you are proud of them and trust their decisions in life. Affirmations of love go a long way when coming from a parent.

5. If you have already received the Blessing, reflect on your own Blessing.

How has the Blessing changed or shaped your life? What are your favorite memories with your spouse in the time you've been together? Let this be a time to reignite your gratitude for your life, your spouse and the gift of the Blessing.



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The Purpose of Marriage

We marry to resemble the form of God. God exists with dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity. He is a unified being in whom both characteristics exist together in harmony. **Men and women were created to reflect the dual characteristics of God.** Therefore, a man and a woman should come together in complete unity and harmony, become like the seed, and return to the state of the original nature of God. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Men and women are each only half of a whole entity. Therefore women must conquer the world of men and men must conquer the world of women. That is how they are perfected. **They come to resemble God by joining their separate manifestations of God's dual characteristics back together through love.** God and people are to unite based on the love between subject and object partners. The reason God has dual characteristics is also because of love. The most precious things for people are their sons and daughters, their brothers and sisters, their spouses and their parents. You cannot perfect your love unless you go through the progression of child, sibling, spouse and parent. That is why you must marry and give birth to sons and daughters. This is a formula. It is a cycle that repeats. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Why do we marry? For Adam and Eve it was not so that they could discover their mutual love. It was to make the vertical love of God as the nucleus and, centered on that, create a spherical form as the embodiment of the Father. God's ideal of creation is also fulfilled by focusing on such a love, and only through the union of a mature man and a mature woman can love be fulfilled and connected to life. The connection cannot be made through life but rather through love. Based on vertical parental love, the seeds of original love can be connected for the first time through horizontal conjugal love. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

People marry to give love to God. We love God because we need to become one with God. When we become one with God based on the eternal love of the absolute God, we can realize eternal life. This is not all. The world created by God through love belongs to Him of course, but that world can become

mine through the right of inheritance. **At the place where we come to meet with God, He bequeaths to us the right to inherit the entire universe.** (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

If a man and a woman want to achieve individual perfection, they need to do so by perfecting their partner, and that is why they must marry. They cannot enter the realm of love if they are not married. The reason people need to marry is so they can relate to the love of God. A man and woman cannot fully connect to the love of God if they are not married. **When they marry, the love of God resides with them, and they become one through this love. God can then bequeath the whole universe to them, including God Himself, His love and everything that belongs to Him.** (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

People marry to perfect their individual love while at the same time perfecting the love of their partner. Doesn't it feel good to know you marry to perfect both your love and the love of God? Men and women have to marry to prepare the foundation on earth through which God can love. The love of God cannot reside there until a man and woman unite together based on the foundation of love. In the final analysis, people marry for the sake of God's love, that is, to possess the love of God. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

A man should know that the woman standing in front of him is God's daughter and the feminine aspect of humanity. Before she is my wife, she belongs to humankind. Only if you can love her as a woman who is loved by humanity and love her as God's beloved daughter, are you qualified to be her husband. Women are the same. Do not think, "He is my man." Think of him as God's son and as a man representing all humankind. You have to love and serve him more than humanity does and more than God does. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

God desires for husbands and wives to say, "The man will become the right foot and the woman the left, and we will find happiness through making a family that leaves footprints of love for humanity and for God." The right foot is the husband and the left foot is the wife. Do not become lame! You have to think, "We will surely move forward!" You also have to progress straight ahead. Only then are you qualified to be married. You have to think, "When I think admiringly of my husband, I am thinking admiringly of all people and thinking admiringly of God. When I love my husband, I am loving all humanity and loving God." (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Marriage can be said to be a ceremony which allows you to open the door of a palace of happiness and enter into it. Therefore, marriage is the biggest event for humankind.

Love transcends time and space and it is the greatest thing for humankind. Marriage is a ceremony that reveals and confirms this greatest love. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §3)

Why do we term the marriage ceremony "to receive the Blessing?" According to the Principle, if Adam and Eve had not fallen and had become perfected, they would have stood in the position to receive the Blessing. In other words, they were to be the substantial objects of God. Once they were perfected, they would have been objects who totally received love from God as the subject. Through their Blessing, or marriage, God's love would have appeared in the world. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §3)

If there were no marriage, then what is called love would not have started in the human world. Who is the master of that love? We must know that the master is not man or woman, but God. **When God's love is manifested in us, it becomes God's joy and pride, and we are able to feel this as God's love.** (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §3)

Love cannot be realized alone; it is only realized through a reciprocal relationship. Therefore, when man tries to realize love, he cannot do it by himself alone. The same can be said about woman. When Adam and Eve unite through love, they are able to receive God's love for the first time. From this viewpoint, we can understand that we human beings are born from God. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §3)

To receive the Blessing is to become one with God. If you are one with God, you can become whole. Everything of God, whatever the subject has, can be received. God has eternal life. From eternal life He has universal love – as ideal subject He has the worldview. Everything is being bequeathed. That is why receiving the Blessing is the same as inheriting everything. You received God's love previously. By the Blessing we can receive God's substantiality and God's substance. Furthermore, it is not all just God's but it becomes yours. That is why marriage means to inherit everything. The most valuable part of God's love is being bequeathed, God Himself is being bequeathed and everything is being bequeathed. In these contexts we use the word "Blessing." Receiving the Blessing means receiving good fortune. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 3, §3)

In the Bible is a verse which says, 'Do not eat of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.' This commandment was given because something had the possibility of destroying the relationship between God and human beings. The Principle solves this problem very clearly. The Principle is a great gospel that can save all people, who are living in suffering. We cannot say that the fruit was literal. Why would God create a fruit that could cause a situation in which all humankind would suffer in struggles and destruction for millions of years? That the fruit symbolizes a problem of love is much more plausible. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §7)

Where did the fall start? What does it mean that Adam and Eve fell as a family? Nothing other than love could have made Adam and Eve fall as a family. What kind of fruit would make thousands of future generations become sinners? This is a blood relationship. If a root of sin is planted in the blood lineage, it would continue eternally according to the law of inheritance. Only the problem of love could make this happen. Mistaken love was the cause of the fall. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §7)

John 8:44 reads, 'You are of your father the devil.' God's ideal of creation could not be realized because of the fall of Adam and Eve. Because Adam and Eve became fallen parents, they multiplied children with original sin. The history of humankind has developed centering on this fallen family of Adam and Eve, expanding to the society, tribe, nation and world. After the fall, the ideal of a true parent who can stand in the position of having perfected the original will of God remained unfulfilled until today. Also, the creation of a true family, true society, tribe, nation and world centered on True Parents remains an unfulfilled ideal. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §8)

If Adam and Eve had reached perfection without falling, they would have become perfect not only individually but also on a universal and historical level. And they would have been able to start a new family centering on God's love. From this family, a society, tribe, nation and world – one big family – would have been realized in which God could have dwelt. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §6)

If Adam and Eve had realized the first God-centered family, the God-centered tribe, nation and world would also have been realized centering on that family. In that place, only God would be the ruler. Then from the very beginning, a perfect rule would have been accomplished for eternity. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §6)

If this had been accomplished in the Garden of Eden, then we would not have many different nations and languages we see today. We would have been included in Adam's tribe, following one tradition centering on Adam. The language which Adam used would have been the language of the world. And the whole world would have indeed become one nation under God. As God planned, all humankind would have been born in the heavenly kingdom on earth. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §6)

We were to enjoy the heavenly life here on this earth and, after our physical life, we were to go to the spirit world to live in heaven eternally. This was the original blueprint of God. In this world, there would have been no Satan, no evil and no hell. (Blessing & Ideal Family, Ch 1, §6)

Why is marriage so important? It is the path to finding love. It is the path to knowing what love is. It teaches about life. Marriage joins the life of a woman and the life of a man. In time [through children], it joins the lineage of the man and the lineage of the woman. It thus begins a history, a nation, the world and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. (World Scriptures, Pages 946-948)

The purpose of marriage is to synchronize the man's heart and the woman's heart to perfect their love. The wedding ceremony is a proclamation of the couple's commitment and determination toward that goal. **If you start with the goal to perfect your love and heart through your married life, you are on the way to fulfilling the ideal of family.** If you actually fulfill it, upon your death you will certainly go to heaven, because your lives will be heaven. (World Scriptures, Pages 946-948)

Heaven starts in the family. Unless you can find God in your spouse, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (World Scriptures, Pages 946-948)

What is the purpose of marriage? It is to fulfill God's ideal of creation. An individual by him or herself cannot fulfill it. It requires that we form a couple whose hearts are united with the heart of God, the Subject of all creation. Thus, when He moves, we move, and when He is still, we are still. That is how the inner and outer become one. Unless we set the standard as a couple through which we can harmonize with God, we cannot fulfill His purpose of creation. (World Scriptures, Page 952)

When a woman marries, she should be willing to become like her husband's left foot, walking in step with him on their family's path of love for God and all humanity. The husband is like the right foot and the wife is like the left foot. You should not go through life crippled; therefore you should marry. Your couple should not walk with a limp; both the right foot and the left foot should be healthy and strong. If it can walk straight, your couple is destined to live a harmonious married life. (World Scriptures, Page 950)

When we speak of human beings, there are men and women. What unites men and women? Keep in mind: each makes up half of the human world. The common denominator among all groups of people, no matter how large, is that they are composed of men and women. In each there will be bad men and bad women as well as good, but still we can divide the membership of groups composed of any kinds of people into two: men and women. The force that drives these two to unite is love, not money, knowledge or power. (As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, 223)

Marriage is more than a simple coming together of a man and woman. It is a precious ceremony of commitment to carry on God's work of creation. **Marriage is the path by which a man and woman become as one, create new life, and establish true love.** Through marriage, a new future is created: Societies are formed; nations are built. **God's world of peace is realized with married families at the**

center. It is in the family that God's Kingdom of Heaven is brought about. (As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, 207-208)

So husbands and wives must be centers of peace. Not only must there be love between the husband and wife, but the couple must also be able to bring harmony to their extended families. It is not enough that the husband and wife live well together in love. All the relatives must love each other as well. (As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, 207-208)

Significance of Blessed Marriage

In the Unification Church, we call marriage the "Blessing." The life of a married person is such that a man and woman who had been alone on their path to seek love abandon that path and stand as complements to each other-comforting each other when they feel lonely, sharing joy together when they feel joy and giving each other strength during difficulties. In this way, one becomes the right foot and the other the left; one becomes the right hand and the other the left. Together they praise God, saying they are moving forward with God's love superimposed on the theater of their lives. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

From the time of the Fall of Adam and Eve, our first ancestors, people have waited eagerly for the day when God would bless them. Religion has played the role of mediator between God and humankind until the day the Blessing is given. The Unification Church seeks to find legitimate children to whom everything can be bequeathed. Because of Satan, people cannot receive the Blessing without going through the process of indemnity. Even the lives of ancestors in the spirit world are determined by how much blessed couples on the earth are aligned with God's Will. I have been making the utmost effort and fighting for the sake of this day. The Blessing means we can inherit a relationship with the True Parents. That is why True Parents conduct the Blessing under the same banner they used while fighting against Satan's world. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The era in which the Blessing is given is the most important time. It is the time when God's wishes can finally be fulfilled and His grief of the past six thousand years can be resolved. It is also the time when the wishes of Jesus, who came to earth as the Son of God for all humanity, can be fulfilled. Moreover, it is the moment when people can truly love for the first time since their creation, and receive respect, honor and joy from the rest of creation. On that day, all evil will disappear and we will usher in a new era with the bright rays of the ascending sun. Nature will rejoice, everything in the universe will dance with joy and we will welcome a bright new morning, the new morning of victory. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The time of marriage is the time when one inherits the love of God. It is also the time we inherit the authority of re-creation. The joy God felt after He created Adam and Eve appears through marriage. After that, the right of dominion commences. Through receiving the Blessing in the realm of perfection, things of the greatest value are inherited. What we call our wedding ceremony therefore refers to the manifestation of love; it refers to our being given the right to create, and it refers to us as subject partner and object partner receiving the right of dominion over each other. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

God's reason for creating man and woman and giving them the three great blessings was to complete a family. The three great blessings - that is, to be fruitful, to multiply and to fill the earth are not something that an individual can fulfill alone. They can only be fulfilled within a family. Therefore the family is a secure environment in which individuals can establish themselves. It is the ideal foundation for that. No

matter how great a man or a woman may be, there must be a father and mother, a husband and wife and brothers and sisters in their family. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Why is it that women are absolutely needed by men and men by women? It is for the sake of absolute love. Why is absolute love needed? It is in order to possess God. If someone possesses God, God belongs to that person. Within that love is the right to inherit from God, the right to live together with God and the right to participate with God. Therefore within love, God becomes ours, as does everything of God's creation. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The purpose of marriage is self-perfection and dominion over the universe. When one perfects himself, he seizes control of the universe and embraces the world of the future. Marrying is a statement that we will perfect ourselves and come to possess God. Thus, we will eternally remain as a counterpart of God, one who has assisted Him in realizing His ideal of creation. Since God created good sons and daughters, we should also give birth to and raise many good sons and daughters. Having children is a serious matter. Through giving birth to children, we infinitely expand the world that God governs, the world that God created. And we create the ideal world that God can enjoy. This is the content of the three great blessings. When we perfect our individual nature, we attain the right of ownership of the world that God governs. When that happens, our joy is multiplied. When we produce children, joy overflows in the horizontal world. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

If you look at a woman in the spirit world, you will see the smiling face of a man within her. If you ask, "I see the face of such-and-such a man within you. Who is he?" She will answer, "He is my husband." When two are united into one, they cannot be separated afterward. They live together for eternity after they die. In this way, the man whom the woman loved remains one with her in her heart. Likewise, within a man is his beloved wife. That is happiness. Eventually this happiness will be shared with God. The right of substantial beings with dual characteristics is to stand as God's counterparts through true love and to return to God. This is the meaning of origin-division-union. The united internal nature and external form divide and then come together again as substantial beings. This is the Blessing of a man and a woman. God comes to dwell in them, becoming one with them. The man and woman become one, and everything is brought into unity. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

You did not realize that a man's perfection is impossible without a woman. A man and a woman are each half of one being that is only completed when they serve each other. The two become one and live for each other, and thus return God's grace, and they become the object partners of God's love. This is the reason that the woman brings perfection to the man, the man brings perfection to the woman, and the love of the two of them brings perfection to God's love. Thus they are in a sense greater than God. All of us wish that the counterpart of our love would be greater than we are. We wish for our counterpart to be not just a thousand times greater but ten thousand times greater! Not ten thousand times but one hundred million times greater! Instead of one hundred million times, one hundred million times infinity times greater than we are! Instead of being one hundred million times infinity times greater than we are, we want the counterpart of our love to be eternally one hundred million times infinity times greater! From where does this desire come? It comes from our ancestors. Since the root of our ancestors is God, it comes ultimately from God. Even God wants the counterpart of His love to be many hundreds of millions times greater than He. This is the imperative of heaven and earth. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

If Adam and Eve had not fallen and instead had become perfected, they would have experienced their Blessing ceremony. In other words, Adam and Eve were to have been the substantial object partners

of God. With Him as the subject partner, they automatically should have become the object partners. As the object partners, they should have achieved individual perfection. This would have been the foundation upon which they could have connected their objective love to God, the subject partner of love, and fulfilled the Blessing through marriage. In the end, perfection refers to marriage, and marriage refers to the manifestation of God's love. If marriage did not exist, love would never have begun in the human world. The owner of that love is not humanity; it is God. When that love of God appears within human beings, it becomes true love. When that heavenly true love is realized for the first time within humanity, it becomes the pride and joy of God. That is the feeling of God's love. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The most precious of all blessings is to receive the love of God. The first thing is to receive the blessing of God's love. Next, one is to inherit God's authority over creation. Just as God created Adam and Eve based on love, thereby feeling joy and hope, all people, equally and universally, are meant to have the authority of creation. They receive this same joy when they have children. Why is it that you cannot help but love your children? It is because having children is equivalent to inheriting God's great work of creation in the horizontal realm. People can feel the joy that God felt after He created Adam and Eve. We can inherit the love of God and God's creative power. God oversees the earth, the heavens and all created things. Even though we occupy a horizontal position, God gives us the authority of dominion over all the creation. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

You must know the value of the Blessing. In the age of the Second Coming, we should complete the standard of the Blessing. The new heaven and new earth begin when God resolves all the issues representing history, heaven and earth, all people and the entire providence. Then He will decide all things and transfer everything to one place. The gates of the Blessing are that astonishing. The Blessing is so great that you could not buy it even if you offered the nation of Israel, or the countless prophets and patriotic martyrs, or all the works of God for six thousand years, or all of Jesus' and the Holy Spirit's works for two thousand years, or even all the suffering endured by all humanity to this day. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

I consider the Blessing to have been the most precious gift in my life. For you also, the greatest gift in human history is the Blessing. Those who have received God's Blessing represent God. Therefore when you receive the Blessing, you must start a family and bring Satan to his knees. You have to bring Satan to judgment. After that, you need to actualize the four-position foundation and become a victorious person with dominion over the creation. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The marriage ceremony is how the Heavenly Parent and the earthly parents become one through love. The man and woman join into one on the first day. You have heard the phrase "joining in virtue," haven't you? The place where you become one body is where God enters. Two worlds unite into one when God, who is the inner internal nature and external form, enters Adam and Eve, who are the outer internal nature and external form, through the power of love. The invisible internal nature and external form of the spirit world is the plus, while the internal nature and external form of the visible world is the minus. A large plus becomes one with a large minus for the first time. The place where they unite is the love organs. It is only when they unite that way that a baby born through the bodies of Adam and Eve will not only be God's child but also True Parents' child. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

If you do not receive the Blessing after attaining perfection, you will lose the chance to be God's external form and also to be the object partner of God's love. For things to happen in line with God's Will, He must first take on an external form and find an object partner for His love. Then He needs sons and daughters who will serve the family, descendants and nation. That is the family. On the day the family is

perfected, God comes to have an external form. He comes to have an object partner for His love and sons and daughters. How is all this unified? It is unified through the lineage. The central root, stem and buds are all one. You have to receive God's lineage. The root is one. You have to receive the lineage of the invisible God and the lineage of the visible God. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them the three blessings: "Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth, and have dominion over every living thing." (Gen. 1:28) The first blessing, "be fruitful," means that human beings should grow and perfect their characters, with God as their center. The second blessing is that a perfected man and woman should become a true husband and wife, have children, and realize an ideal family, thus fulfilling their duty as true parents. The third blessing is that human beings should create the kingdom of heaven on earth, where they would not experience any inconvenience or lack amid the environment that God bestowed upon them. God, who is the Original Being of true love, created human beings as His object partners of true love. He wanted them to become perfected beings of true love, realize the ideal of true love as husband and wife, and create the environment of the kingdom of heaven. (CSG, Bk 4, Ch 1, §3)

The first hope of human beings is to reach individual perfection. Nevertheless, because they fell, they have to be born anew centered on a resurrected individual. Their second hope is to fulfill a life-long partnership; human beings are born to be blessed in marriage. Their third hope is to multiply good children. Although we may have many good days in our lives, each of us has certain special days. They are the day we were born, the day we married our life partner, and the days when our children were born. Not experiencing all of these special days can make us unhappy. The same is true for God. The most joyful day for God was the day when Adam was born. That is because it was the day He became the Parent God in the physical world. That is to say, the day that Adam was born was also the first day that God could begin His existence as the God of cosmic value in the substantial world. (CSG, Bk 4, Ch 1, §3)

Preparing to Receive the Blessing

The Blessing is the most precious thing in all heaven and earth. It is also the most frightening. If a husband and wife have different thoughts, they may do each other harm. It is from you that the good ancestors, good land and good nation will appear. Therefore, people who have received the Blessing should think of heaven and earth at all times. The Blessing is so that we can share blessings with others. Husbands and wives must become mothers and fathers to each other in heart. They should inspire the people of the world to say to them, "We want to make families like yours." (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The Unification Church honors the tradition of the family. That is why I am telling you there is something of value in the Blessing I give to you that cannot be replaced with anything else from any past age. If you leave a stain or a wound on your Blessing, it will be the shame of your family, the shame of your nation and a shame throughout human history. With that in mind, you must give all your strength to the re-establishment of the family. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The Blessing is a magnificent thing. You cannot receive the Blessing based on your own desire. The value of a life is more precious than that of the whole universe. That is why when you make vows to take responsibility for a person, you should be ready and willing to do so forever. The Blessing is concerned with these issues. For this reason, if a person can receive the Blessing during his or her lifetime, he or she is truly a happy person. You must have a stronger resolve than ever before if you are to take part in receiving this great Blessing. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The occasion of the Blessing is where the most precious among your relationships is decided. The Blessing can only come once in your lifetime. Therefore you need to pray a lot. I am telling you to offer your utmost sincere heart to God before you come to receive the Blessing. Don't even think of trying to find the person who is to become your spouse. You have to be willing to marry even the least attractive person. You should think, "I will live happily, even if it has to be with that homely person over there." It's problematic if your mind is all excited, without any foundation, and flies to one person and then another. People who pray for themselves are greedy. It would be better not to pray and instead think, "Heavenly Father, I leave everything in Your hands. Isn't there a partner even for an unattractive and foolish person like me? Please do everything according to Your wishes. Even if You tell me to grow old and die alone, I will do so gladly." (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Marriage is not something you should enter into casually. It's not something people should do who meet just walking down the street. If people marry simply because they feel affection for one another, as soon as they wed, some misfortune may occur. You should definitely not stand in the position in which you try to succeed based on your own perspective. The Blessing is something we do for the sake of the nation and the world. It is also for the sake of future generations. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Change of Blood Lineage

Fallen people were unable to be born with a direct blood relationship with God. If we do not acknowledge this, make a new relationship with God and return to our original position, we cannot advance to the position of receiving the Blessing. In other words, because we were born in the fallen world of death, in order for us to return to a God-centered life, we have no choice but to be reborn. We have to be born again. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

To be reborn, you need to love Jesus more than anyone else. There is no way to connect to God unless your love, centered on God, is greater than the love established in the shadow of satanic love in the fallen realm, and surpasses the love in Satan's world. This is the path of suffering, the difficult path that religious people must follow. Christians long for Jesus every day and are waiting impatiently for him to come again. For two thousand years they cried out to Heaven, "Jesus, our bridegroom, please come quickly!" When they reach the point at which their bodies are ready to burst, their hearts are being torn, their bones are melting and they do not know if their spirit is inside their body or outside - the point at which only God or Jesus can be present - then the Holy Spirit will enter them and bring them spiritual rebirth as spiritual babies. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

What is the ultimate purpose of the Blessing? It is to realize a true family. This is the greatest purpose sought by fallen people. For this true family to form, there must first be a true person. That true person should be none other than a true man. This true man will seek out a true woman and they will have their Holy Wedding with God as the center. Then for the first time a true family can emerge. Because of the Fall, this did not come to pass and so we must deny all families that have been created up until now. Following God's providential Will, we must move beyond that fallen family standard. From a Divine Principle point of view, if fallen people cannot achieve this they will not be able to return to the original world. It must be clearly understood that fallen people, no matter who they are, cannot stand before God if they do not fulfill this formula course. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

You do not connect to God's heart through theory. You can be connected only through the lineage. Did you inherit the lineage of God's heart? Up to this point you have not understood. That is why, before you receive the Blessing, there is a ceremony for the change of lineage. At that time you must enter into a state of selflessness in which you are nothing. You must assume the position of someone without a body of his or her own and have the conviction that enables you to say, "I am the starting point from which all my descendants will inherit the flesh and blood of the True Parents." (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

God takes people living in the realm of Satan's false love and gives them rebirth through His greater love. People are born to parents of false love; they are born from ancestors of false love into a lineage of false love. They can become God's children and God's people only after being born again through parents of true love, ancestors of true love and a lineage of true love. Human beings must be born again. This is the path of destiny for fallen humans. No matter what kind of difficulties we may face, we must go this course. God's work of salvation is His work of giving rebirth, thereby grafting His lineage into us. Therefore I must completely deny all the things that are part of me from my past - in other words, my concept of possession, my tradition, my consciousness - all of these things. Things we already have inside us cannot be recognized by God as they are now. When we graft a tree, we cut everything but the root portion, then graft on the new shoot. Similarly, we have to first cancel everything, get rid of it all, and then be reborn. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

All people desire to attend True Parents. Although six thousand years ago Adam and Eve should have been blessed in holy marriage and humankind should have become God's descendants, the Fall made people Satan's descendants. Therefore on this earth we must re-establish the True Parents, who are on the side of Heaven and who were lost six thousand years ago. We must be reborn through connecting with True Parents' love. Only then can we become citizens of the kingdom of heaven. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The Fall occurred through the wrongful marriage in the Garden of Eden. Now the time has come for True Parents to overturn this by marrying people in the right way. Through cleaning up the terrible things that false parents have perpetrated, the True Parents are eliminating hell and giving the Blessing to the millions and billions of ancestors in the spirit world. They are recovering the proper true love, true life and true lineage in order to actualize the true father-son relationship. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

As for an adopted son, he should receive engrafting by a true son. The wild olive tree must be cut off, and then the shoot of the true olive tree can be engrafted onto it. We have to take part in a movement to convert all wild olive trees into true olive trees. To be reborn, you need to inherit the lineage of True Parents. That is why Jesus and the Holy Spirit yearned to consummate the marriage feast of the Lamb and why the whole of humanity hopes for True Parents. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

The Messiah separates you from Satan's lineage, but you must take the steps that permit Satan's lineage to be removed. In that position you have to unite with the Messiah and be selfless in front of him. Unless we establish this standard, we cannot be saved. You have to pass through the place of life and death. For the evil lineage to be removed we have to go through that adversity. We have to enter a state where life and death meet each other. We have to grope through that state of death on our path. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Throughout history no one could change the fallen lineage, but I have succeeded. That is why I have borne a tearful cross of the heart. Because I have that holy standard, you received the Blessing without having any merit. You received a new lineage through the Blessing. The victorious right to change lineage

was achieved through my life of labor in the physical world, based on God's thousands of years of travail. You are the people who stood on that, using God and me as a stepping-stone. To receive the Blessing is to be cut off from the lineage of evil and to be newly grafted. When you are engrafted, your lineage is changed. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)

Why do you need True Parents? It is so you can put down your roots in the realm of heart. At this point your root is different. Due to the Fall, your trunk and branches are not what they should be. The Unification Church is putting down new roots starting from the True Parents, and a trunk and branches are appearing and are then grafted. Branches of True Parents are cut and grafted onto you so that the Unification Church will become the central mainstream of the universe. We must cut off everything that is of Satan's world. (CSG, Bk 5, Ch 2, §2)