

The End of Man-Woman Separation

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Jesus said the truth shall set you free, and Paul said that Satan's messenger, a thorn in his flesh, tormented him.

The thorn, Satan's messenger in our flesh, is fallen sexual desire. Jesus on earth did not remove it. Nor does the cross remove it.

Therefore, Jesus before the cross, and Paul after the cross, said cut it off and cast it out. Jesus did not marry. He never told anyone to marry. He never blessed a marriage. True Parents reveal what Jesus could not. We need to look at Jesus as a person, not a poster boy.

Tradition has it that John 2, the wedding at Cana, signifies Jesus' blessing of marriage. But we need to look at Jesus as a person, not a poster boy. He was 30 years old and unmarried. Even in today's secular society, this is not preferable; in Jewish society of 2,000 years ago, it was very strange. "Marriage was mandatory among Jews. A contemporary of Jesus, Rabbi Eleazer, wrote: 'A man who has no wife is not even a man.'"

Instead of caring about his marriage, Jesus' mother was worried about someone else's. And at the wedding she treated Jesus as a servant. Jesus responded: "Woman, what have you to do with me?"

As to men, Jesus said, they should make themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

As to women, “Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.”

As to families, “From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three.”

“A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.”

“To be my disciple, you must hate your family.”

Unificationism recognizes the cross as God’s intervention in history for salvation, but points out that it does not sanctify sex. Nor do Buddhism, Confucianism, Islam, Judaism or Hinduism. Nor do Freud, Marx, Darwin, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump.

The messenger of Satan, tormenting each person, remains, stuck in the flesh of the human race. The Left can’t end it; the Right can’t end it. Until today, separation was the only way.

The end of separation comes from True Parents. They reveal what Jesus could not. The Blessing marks the end of man-woman separation.

(Citations: 2 Cor 12:7; Mt 19:12; 1 Cor 7:32-35; John Bristow, What Paul Really Said About Women: The Apostle’s Liberating Views on Equality in Marriage, Leadership, and Love, p. 93; Mt 19:10-12; Lk 23:29; Lk 12:52-53; Mt 10:36; Luke 15:26.)