

Day Five

Read Col 2:9-15

Note the things that Christ purchased for YOU!

I've been given f_____ in Christ, who is the head of all rule & authority. In Him, I've been circumcised by_____ off of the body of flesh (don't have to sin).

I was_____ in my sin... God made me_____ with Him! He f_____ ALL our sin, cancelled our d_____ by nailing to the cross! You've got a choice: 1) you can focus on your sin and debt (what did Christ do with that?) and be filled with shame and guilt towards your future husband – Christ... OR 2) you can accept Christ's provision for your sin and debt and live in peace because you know the character of the person you are about to marry– Christ. The victorious Christian life is built on: a) facing who you are (sinner) and b) trusting Christ who knew that [Rom 5:8] and still loves you as you are. When you forget this, you only look at self and carry around a load of guilt, you hide, excuse, blame, rationalize & cover up your shame rather than enjoy the freedom of confession and the joy of forgiveness found in Christ! If you forget this, you will reduce the Christian life to a list of rules and behaviors that never address the real problems and you will be blind to the holes in your relationship with Christ.

Day Six

Read Deut 8:10-20

List out God's warnings... then make them personal to YOU!

Write out a list of how you will take steps to always remember that Christ is your husband.

Act Married!

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1 Cor 11:1-3

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The Gospel Gap: "How did I live differently today because Jesus died for me?"



Marriage Picture:

- Christ assumes all our liabilities & He gives us all His assets!
- Ezek 16:4-8; Eph 5:32-33
- Paul reminds us of engagement:: 2 Cor 11:1-3

What We Bring to the Marriage

- Eph 2:1-7
- We Lost It All – He Did It All – We Get It All!
- Love: 1 Jn 3:16: Love is wanting the absolute best for the object of your love regardless of the cost to you

Looking At A Good Marriage

- Earthly
- Spiritual

Losing Focus

- *led astray (1 Cor 11:3)*
- Worship other things
- Use Means of Grace (2 Pet 1:3-9) otherwise *ineffective or unfruitful*