

BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

That Marriage is Reserved for one man and one woman.

The institution of marriage was conceived and established by God (Genesis 1:27; 2:18; 2:21-14; Ephesians 5:21-33; Colossians 3:18-21). It is older than any other institution. Furthermore, marriage is God's example to us of the relationship He desires with His bride, the Church. Bishop Johnson believes marriage to be a sacred and enduring relationship between one man and one woman.

Refusal of Same Sex Marriage Clause

Bishop Johnson will neither sanction, endorse, or recognize domestic partnerships, civil unions for same sex marriages and will not perform such services under any circumstances. (Note: There are absolutely no exceptions.)

Belief on Divorce

Based on Matthew 19:9; 5:32 and their contexts, we believe divorce to be granted on three grounds, abandonment, abuse, or adultery (which includes but is not limited to infidelity, incest, pedophilia, same-sex intercourse, and bestiality). (For further explanation see Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible: The Social and Literary Context and Divorce and Remarriage in the Church: Biblical Solutions for Pastoral Realities, by David Instone-Brewer.)

Marriage After Divorce

Bishop recognize divorces and perform remarriage services for those who have met the aforementioned grounds, as reviewed by Bishop Johnson. Certain exceptions may apply at Bishop's discretion.

Officiant Fee

Unless otherwise negotiated by Bishop Johnson, the officiating fees are listed below. (Note: If wedding location is outside of 50 mile radius, an additional travel expense may be added. If the wedding is a destination wedding full room and board must be provided along with flight and rental car fees.) Below is a price menu:

Travel Expense: 50.00

Member of Zion Christian Ministries Officiant Fee: 250.00

Non- Member of Zion Christian Ministries: 500.00

Officiant Fee is due on the day of the wedding before the wedding. Officiant fee must be paid in full before marriage license is signed. Couples who wish to pay before the wedding may do so by going to www.cajohnson.org/wedding and click on "Already Booked? Secure Payment".

Pre-Marital Course

Each couple must complete the Pre-Marital course found on the "Greatness Coach" academy. Follow this link and look for the course "Pre-Marital Coaching". Or, after you have made payment online you will be directed to the link. You will need a passcode that will be given to you once you are booked.