

## Groom-Bride Wedding

Solo - Candles' lit  
Seat Groom's Mother  
Seat Bride's Mother  
Pastor enters with Groom and Best Man  
Matron of Honor enters  
Bride enters with Son

(To Groom) \_\_\_\_\_, as you come before these witnesses, are you signifying that you are taking the initiative in this marriage covenant, and that you will, by the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, assume the greater responsibility in carrying out it's terms? -

response-

(To Father) \_\_\_\_\_, by walking your daughter down the aisle, are you showing that you are giving your full blessing to the marriage of your daughter to this man? -

response-

Prayer and comments:

Message: Text - Ephesians 5

**Vows-** If you (Groom), and you (Bride), believe it to be God's will for the two of you to become husband and wife, would you please join your right hands.

\_\_\_\_\_, will you have this woman to be your wedded wife; will you love her, honor and keep her in sickness as in health, in poverty as in wealth, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her so long as you both shall live- do you so vow to God? -response-

\_\_\_\_\_, will you have this man to be your wedded husband? Will you love him, honor and keep him in sickness as in health, in poverty as in wealth, and forsaking all others, keep only unto him so long as you both shall live- do you so vow to God? -response-

\_\_\_\_\_, will you repeat after me the following words please: I \_\_\_\_\_... take \_\_\_\_\_... to be my Christian wife... to have and to hold,,,

*from this day forward... for better, for worse... for richer, for poorer... in sickness and in health... to love and cherish... 'til death do us part.*

\_\_\_\_\_, would you repeat after me the following words please: I \_\_\_\_\_... take \_\_\_\_\_... to be my Christian husband... to have and to hold... from this day forward... for better for worse... for richer for poorer... in sickness and in health... to love cherish and obey... 'til death do us part.

**Exchanging rings:** May I have the rings please. In Scripture, the ring is a symbol of authority and the resources which go with it. In a covenant relationship, the ring symbolizes identification. The belt was also used in Scripture as the token of a covenant. The belt represented man's strength and pledge of protection.

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ proper finger and repeat after me. "This ring is a symbol... of our Covenant with God. With it I vow my love... my strength... and my protection."

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_ proper finger and repeat after me. "This ring is a symbol... of our covenant with God. With it I vow my love... and my reverence."

**Lighting of the candles:** song

**Pronouncing of Husband and Wife:** For as much as you, \_\_\_\_\_, and you \_\_\_\_\_, have offered to God each other, and all of these witnesses attesting to the fact that it is God's will by their presence here this day, as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I take great pleasure in pronouncing you as husband and wife. Let us pray... You may kiss the bride.

**Introduction of couple to the witnesses:** What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. It is a joy to introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_.