



QA: Marriage Is Unpopular; Why Insist On It? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Marriage seems unpopular. Why insist on it?

ANSWER: Because God requires it! Marriage was determined by God at the Creation and ceremonies should reflect this teaching.

1. Marriage was begun by God.

Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." (**Genesis 2:22-23**)

Before the Flood in Noah's day, Jesus said,

"They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark." (**Matthew 24:38**)

Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage" (**Luke 20:34**). In every age,

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (**Hebrews 13:4**)

Why aren't you married?

2. Why A Wedding? A "wedding" is the procedure that, according to God, brings a man and a woman together, "and the two shall become one flesh." Jesus added,

"So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (**Matthew 19:4-6**)

Jesus' Wedding Parable (**Matthew 22:1-14**) began with:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come." (**Matthew 22:2-3**)

A "wedding" is simply a ceremony that recognizes God's teaching and an admission that God is involved. By living together without a "wedding," people have only refused to make "faith" a part of their commitment! Why aren't you married?

3. **The NEED:** Data from the TN Dept. of Health reveals that people are getting divorced in Scott County at a higher rate than just about anywhere else in Tennessee.

- * There were 4.8 divorces per 1,000 people in Scott County in 2020, well above the statewide average of 3.2 divorces per 1,000 people. Only five of Tennessee's 95 counties had higher divorce rates.
- * Tennessee also has one of the highest divorce rates in the United States.
- * Despite the relatively high number of divorces, there were 40% more marriages than divorces in Scott County in 2020.
- * Experts say marriages are more likely to fail in rural areas than in urban areas, but most of Scott County's neighboring counties had divorce rates that were lower than the statewide average in 2020, including Pickett, Anderson and Morgan counties. Roane County's divorce rate was the lowest in the state in 2020, at 0.6 per 1,000 people.

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