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3. a new law God expects you to live by.
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 - a. achieving every moral demand God has of you.
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3. a new, abundant, never-ending life defined by Christ.
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The purpose of marriage is to treasure Christ and advance His Kingdom together

Produce of marriage

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Rotten Fruit – self-produced, Christ-less righteousness

Permanence of marriage

Spirit-empowered marriages are always permanent until death, and glorify God by magnifying the gospel.

Patterns of relating

The Spirit cannot lead believers into non-love.

Point of parenting

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