

Is Common Law Marriage Biblical?

Witness to the World	Common Law Marriage	Biblical Perspective of Marriage	Integrity
<p>Child dedication - asking for accountability with raising their</p> <p><u>Public statement made to others of an inward decision that we have made - and to hold us accountable</u></p> <p>Baptism - public expression of what Christ has done for us inwardly - death to self to live for Christ</p> <p>Marriage ceremony -</p>	<p>Definition - couple lives together for a period of time - claim to family, friends, and community that they are married without a formal ceremony or marriage license</p> <p>Origin - for purpose of distance and convenience for a preacher to get there</p> <p>Today - there is an intention and agreement that they are married</p>	<p>One man - one woman - become one flesh</p> <p>Adam & Eve</p> <p>Isaac & Rebekah - Gen 24:67</p> <p>NT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding - John 4:7-26 - to live with someone that you aren't married to is sin 	<p>The public ceremony is a declaration of our intentions til death do us part</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - those who want to be married in God's eyes alone <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Because they would lose financial benefits - defrauding the government 2. They don't want the state to be part of or have say over their marriage <p>Never to be a stumbling block to others</p>