

Not One Without the Other

There is a wonderful old song entitled *Love and Marriage* that says, “Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage.” It’s a fun little ditty made famous by Frank Sinatra in 1955. It was later recorded by Dinah Shore (both versions made the hit parade charts). The song proved so popular that it was recorded by Peggy Lee and Bing Crosby. It was such a popular song that it was used in TV commercials for Campbell’s Soup, Cadbury chocolate, Kellogg’s breakfast cereal, Ban deodorant and Duncan Hines chocolate chip cookies! Virtually everyone in America, even kids, knew the song. The younger generation will recognize it as the theme song for the somewhat rude TV sitcom, *Married with Children*.

Part of the charm was the sweet-hearted melody, but the main theme was the real winner: Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage! Neither one, without the other, can do as well as either alone!

Likewise, in Christianity, what we call “Good Friday” is useless without Resurrection Sunday” and vice versa. Good Friday is the day Jesus was crucified for the sins of all mankind. But without the resurrection, Good Friday is just another death sentence and crucifixion of some guy in Roman occupied territory. Likewise, Resurrection Sunday, without the shedding of the blood of our precious Jesus, would just be a weird anomaly in human history.

But the blood of the only begotten Son of God, shed on what is commonly referred to as Good Friday, is the watershed moment of human history. Why? Because the blood of bulls and goats does not take away sin (Hebrews 10:4). But the blood of Jesus, more precious than silver or gold (1 Peter 1:17-19), is our only hope for eternal life with Him.

The blood shed on the cross to redeem us from sin and death literally takes away our sin. The resurrection proves both that Jesus *is* who He said He is, and also shows us what will happen to us after our own physical death (1 John 3:2; Romans 6:4). As the old hymn says, “In the resurrection morning when the trump of God shall sound, we shall rise! Hallelujah! we shall rise!” Thank you, Jesus!

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