What God Has Joined Together
Matt. 19:6

Introduction:
A. Text refers to two being joined together in marriage (Matt. 19:1-9).
   1. Man puts asunder for every cause.
   2. God allows it for one cause — fornication.
   3. Otherwise, only severed by death (Rom. 7:1-3).
B. Other things that God has joined together that should not be put asunder:

Discussion:
I. Baptism and Salvation (Mk. 16:15, 16; 1 Pet 3:21).
   A. Baptism and remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
   B. Baptism and washing away of sins (Acts 22:16)
II. Saving Faith and Works (Jas. 2:14-26).
   A. Faith without works is incomplete (vv. 22, 23).
   B. Faith without works is dead (v. 26).
III. Christ and the Church.
   A. Cannot sever body from head (cf. Eph. 1:22,23).
   B. Baptized into Christ and the church (Rom. 6:3; 1 Cor. 12:13).
IV. The Saved and The Church.
   A. Saved are added to church (Acts 2:47)
   B. Jesus is the savior of the church (Eph. 5:22-30).
V. Members Compacted Together in One Body (Eph 4:16)
   A. Keep unity (Eph 4:1-3)
   B. To be no divisions (1 Cor. 1:10).
   C. Mark those who cause divisions (Rom. 16:17-18; cf. Tit. 3:10).
VI. The Righteous and Wicked in the Resurrection.
   A. God will separate them after the resurrection (Matt. 25:32)
   B. Both wicked and good raised (John 5:28, 29).

Conclusion:
A. Let’s not separate anything that God has joined together.
B. Become joined to Christ — nothing but your unfaithfulness can separate you (Rom. 8:35-39).