

Dear Donna,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked if we are still married in heaven.

Marriage is a God-honoring sacred institution that joins two people until death parts them. The scriptures are silent in regard to any reunion after resurrection.

Not long after God created Adam, he caused him to fall into a deep sleep. From one of Adam's ribs, God made Eve so that Adam could have a helpmate and companion and together they could bring forth children to inhabit the earth. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." (Ephesians 5:31)

As Christians we know that if both husband and wife have been faithful to their covenant of sacrifice to the Lord, at their death, each will be rewarded with a spiritual body in heaven. Just what that body is like no one knows, but we do know that the new body is immortal, meaning that it can never die. "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. . . . For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality." (1 Corinthians 15:50, 53)

The scriptures tell us that there is only one call during the Gospel Age, and that is the high calling to be part of the "bride" of Christ in heaven. God uses the earthly picture of marriage so that we can better understand the loving heavenly union of Jesus (the Lamb of God) with his followers, who are pictured as his bride. "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." (Revelation 21:9) Jesus' followers are also pictured as "the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." (Revelation 21:2)

In answer to your question, although both you and your husband might attain a spiritual resurrection in heaven, as far as we know, you would no longer be "married." "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage and they can no longer die; for they are like angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection." (Luke 20:34-36)

We hope we have answered your question. Please write us again.

Sincerely,

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