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Marriage & Wedding Policy

There are few things as joyous as celebrating a wedding! Here is what you need to know about hosting your wedding at House of Destiny Church. If you have any questions, please contact our church office at 774-200-6095.

God established marriage as a sacred covenant between one man and one woman to reflect Christ's relationship with His Church (Eph. 5:21-23). In keeping with biblical teaching, the Church requires the following for any couple seeking to celebrate a marriage at House of Destiny Church:

- **Faith** – Both bride and groom must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 6:14). Both believing partners are committed to a Christian marriage, as defined in the Bible. This means that the relationship is based on Biblical principles, those being;
 - The husband and wife cleave to each other (Matthew 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh (6) Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.)
 - The husband loves his wife as Christ Loves the Church (Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;)
 - The husband loves and cherishes his wife. (Ephesians 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church :)
 - The wife loves, submits and honors her husband (Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.)
 - There is a mutual submission one to another (Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.)
 - The husband is told to live with his wife with understanding. (1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.)
 - When both are Christians they have an added blessing to their marriage. They can call on God to help them and God promises to send His great love to the hearts of believers. (Romans 5:5)
- **Man / Woman Monogamy** – Marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman. House of Destiny Church & its ministers do not recognize, nor will it take part in, any ceremony that does not meet these basic criteria (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-5).

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- **Premarital Counseling** – The engaged couple must participate in a counseling program prior to the wedding ceremony. Please schedule at least 8 weeks in advance to allow adequate time for premarital counseling.
- **Church Membership/Attendance** – Either the bride or groom or their parents must be members/ regular attendees at House of Destiny Church.

Finally, for any weddings celebrated outside the Church, the Pastors/ministers/clergy and staff of House of Destiny Church shall only officiate weddings and solemnize marriages between one man and one woman.

- We have thoroughly read House of Destiny Church's marriage policy and I completely agree without any reservations.

Groom Printed Name: _____ Signed Name: _____

Date: _____

Bride Printed Name: _____ Signed Name: _____

Date: _____

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Groom: _____ Bride: _____

Date of Wedding: _____ Wedding Location: _____

Wedding Officiant: _____

Individual (s) with membership at House of Destiny Church: _____

Premarital Counseling Program: _____ Date: _____

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