# 2886 - Marrying a Christian woman on paper in order to have the right to reside in a kaafir country

**the question**

Is it permissible to marry an american christian woman just to get the green card from her, without living, or being alone with here (just on the paper). My neya: is to do that so I can visit and help my parents back in my country, and be able to work with my degree as( a Computer Programmer).

**Detailed answer**

Praise be to Allah.

and peace be upon the Messenger of Allaah.

We put this question to Shaykh al-‘Allaamah ‘Abd al-‘Azeez ibn Baaz, who responded: “It is not one of the purposes of marriage according to Islamic sharee’ah to marry for the purpose of gaining residency rights and then to get divorced. It seems to me that this is not permitted.”

Moreover, marrying a Christian woman on paper only is a kind of cheating these kaafirs, and this is not permitted. Allaah does not approve of wrongdoing even to kaafirs. And Allaah knows best.