

The Sanctity of Marriage

Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9

- 1. God's plan for marriage has always been one man and one woman till death do they part.**

Matthew 19:3 | ³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"

Deuteronomy 24:1 | "When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house,

Matthew 19:4-6 | ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

- 2. Divorce was only permitted because of man's sinfulness, not because God approves of it.**

Matthew 19:7-8 | ⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ⁸ He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

- 3. Jesus said the only biblical ground for divorce is adultery.**

Matthew 19:9 | ⁹ "And I say to you; whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

- 4. Divorce and remarriage without biblical grounds makes one guilty of adultery.**

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Matthew 5:32 | ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

- 5. For the Christian, divorce is more than just the dissolution of a marriage, it compromises the picture of Christ and His Church.**

Ephesians 5:32 | ³² "This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.