

Jesus Teaches about Divorce

Matthew 5:31-32

What does the law _____ about divorce?

Matthew 5:31 "You have heard the law that says, 'A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a written notice of divorce.'

- **Deuteronomy 24:1** "If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce ..."

Matthew 5:32 But I say that a man who divorces his wife, unless she has been unfaithful, causes her to commit adultery. And anyone who marries a divorced woman also commits adultery.

Matthew 19:3-9 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" 4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

- **Genesis 2:18** The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Some observations from these passages:

1. **Marriage is a life-long covenant between one man and one woman, and it is not meant to be _____.**

Matthew 19:7 "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" 8 Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.

2. **If a marriage is broken, it is always because of _____-heartedness (sin).**

- **Malachi 2:16** "I hate divorce" says the Lord God of Israel...
- **Ephesians 5:21** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

3. **Exceptions for _____.**

Matthew 19:9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

- **1 Corinthians 7:12-16.**
- "All I would say about them is this, and I say it carefully and advisedly, and almost in fear lest I give even a semblance of a suggestion that I am saying anything that may encourage anyone to sin. But on the basis of the gospel and in the interest of truth I am compelled to say this: Even adultery is not the unforgivable sin. And God forbid that there should be anyone who feels that he or she has sinned himself or herself outside the love of God or outside His kingdom because of adultery. No; if you truly repent and realize the enormity of your sin and cast yourself upon the boundless love and mercy and grace of God, you can be forgiven and I assure you of pardon. But hear the words of our blessed Lord: who spoke to a woman caught in adultery "Go and sin no more." - Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

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I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

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