



Christian Questions

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Dear Carol,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked if someone who was raised a Christian and knows how to say all the "right things," but has repeatedly cheated on her spouse, thereby, forcing the marriage to end in divorce, is considered to be a believer. You also wanted to know if her former husband is scripturally obligated to wait for her, in the event that she will change her ways. You said the ex-wife has not remarried, but is "living in sin."

We believe that true Christians are seriously bothered by any sins they commit, so that when they sin, they hate that sin and quickly confess it to God. They repent and make restitution, if possible. Apparently the woman in question either does not perceive her actions as sinful or she is pretending to be a true Christian, when, in actuality, she is not. In either case, her lifestyle contradicts her words. Professing Christianity with one's mouth and living it are two very different things. A true Christian needs to live by the spirit and not gratify the desires of a sinful nature (Galatians 5:16). The Apostle Paul lists the acts of the sinful nature in Galatians 5:19, the first act being sexual immorality. In verses 24-25 he says, "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the spirit, let us keep in step with the spirit." From the above scriptures, it is clear that the woman is not leading the life of a true Christian believer, and, whether she is aware of it or not, she is deceiving others as well as herself when she professes to be a believer, while continuing to live an adulterous lifestyle.

Is her former husband scripturally obligated to wait for her, in the case that she may reform? No, he is not. The marriage has already been dissolved on the legitimate scriptural basis of adultery. (See Matthew 5:31-32.) Whether the woman marries her co-adulterer or just continues to "live in sin" has no bearing on the matter.

We hope we have answered your question. Be sure to sign up for CQ Rewind at www.christianquestions.net. The service is free without obligation and will provide you with scriptural perspective on many questions and topics.





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Sincerely,

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