

“D I V O R C E”
“What does the Bible teach about Divorce?”
MATTHEW 5:31-32
Sermon on the Mount Series
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Its been said that when people get married, they are looking for an ideal. And, after a while, that ideal becomes an ordeal. And then, they are looking for a new deal.
- b. Divorce has become very common in our society. In this passage Jesus addresses the issue of Divorce. In looking at this passage we want to examine what the Bible says as a whole about the subject of divorce.

II. JESUS ON DIVORCE

a. Matthew 5:31-32

- i. Background and Context: Pharisees interpreted **Duet 24:1-4** as giving a man the right to divorce his wife for any reason.
- ii. **Matthew 19:3-12 also recorded in Mark 10** Jesus answers the Pharisees question on Divorce quoting from **Genesis 1:27, 5:2**
 - 1. Male and Female: Sacredness of Gender. Gender comes from our Creator.
 - 2. Joining in Marriage as One: Physical and Spiritual. Creating of a new Human Being
 - 3. God Joins together, Man must not separate. Jesus clearly shows that Marriage is a sacred, Holy Union ordained by God.
 - 4. **Ephesians 5:25-33** Marriage is a type of Christ and the Church.
 - a. Bridegroom and the Bride.

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iii. Luke 16:18 “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and everyone who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.”

b. So we see that Jesus very clearly teaches us of the Sanctity of Marriage going far beyond where the Pharisees were. Jesus is telling us that only Sexual Immorality is a valid reason for divorce.

III. APOSTLE PAUL ON DIVORCE

a. I Corinthians 7:10-16

- i. He repeats the Lord’s prohibition on divorce.*
- ii. He then expands to cover Christians who are married to pagans and whether they should divorce them.*
- iii. “Is not under bondage”. Many interpret this to mean that the abandoned spouse is no longer under bondage to the marriage contract.*
- iv. Paul seems to add Abandonment to Adultery as a legitimate reason for divorce.*

IV. CONCLUSION

- a. 2 Genders, Male and Female**
- b. The Union between these two genders, called Marriage, is a Holy, Sacred Covenant and Bond that cannot be easily broken.**
- c. Two Scriptural reasons for that bond to be broken:**
 - i. Adultery*
 - ii. Abandonment*

V. IS DIVORCE THE UNPARDONABLE SIN?

- i. Example of man who couldn’t become pastor because he was divorced.*

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- ii.* Does the Blood of Jesus cover all my sins?
- iii.* **We are under Grace not Law. Not liberty to sin, but Grace to cover our sins.**
- iv.* *I Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals,[a] nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*