

	<p style="text-align: center;">What Is Marriage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do You have a REAL Knowledge of Marriage? How long does a marriage last? Who is family and how long do they remain family? Does sin and unforgiveness undo marriage? Does divorce make those who were family, no longer family? Does a marriage after divorce make a new family group? This marriage paper is only 11 pages long please let me know your thoughts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***Lord help us to understand and obey your word and your will.***</p>	 <p>email tonywpiano@yahoo.com</p>
<p>to MERCY PLEASE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing you have forgotten the law of God, I will also forget your children. Hosea.4: 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">http://mercypleasetw.w eebly.com or http://what is marriage tonywpiano.weebly.com</p>

DEAR BELOVED IN CHRIST JESUS Grace, Peace, and Mercy be with you from GOD the FATHER and from the Lord JESUS CHRIST. Walk in Truth as we have received commandment from the FATHER. Love one another. And this is love, that we walk, in his commandments (2John.: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9).

How can we love by walking in God's commandments if we don't know and understand God's commandments? **This is the very heart of the question, "What Is Marriage?"** Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:37,38). This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments (1 John.5: 3). Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that says, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him (1 John.2:3-4).

In the beginning was the WORD. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the WORD was made flesh (JESUS the only begotten of GOD), and lived among us, full of Grace and Truth (John.1: 1, 4, 14). GOD sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world. He that believeth on him is not condemned. **This is the condemnation:** men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil, and do not want to be reprov'd. **But he that doeth truth comes to the light** (John.3: 16-21).

Not the hearers of the law, **but the doers** of the law shall be justified before GOD (Romans.2: 13). He is a Jew (child of GOD), which is one inwardly doing the law of GOD from the heart, in the spirit (of the law) not by the letter (of the law), whose praise is of GOD not of men (Romans 2: 29).

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BIBLICAL CONCEPTS OF MARRIAGE

1. MARRIAGE IS HOLY (What GOD does is HOLY)

GOD made a wife for Adam. And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; **I will make** him an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and God took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof, And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, **and (God) brought her** unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis.2: 18,21-25.

What therefore **God hath joined** together, Mt. 19:6 , Mk.10: 9. And if a virgin marry she hath not sinned. I Corinthians.7: 28.

Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers **God will Judge**. Hebrews.13: 4.

2. MARRIAGE IS ONLY FOR THIS EARTHLY LIFE (not in heaven)

Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? For they all had her (married her). Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in **the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage**, but are as the angels of God in heaven Matthew.22: 28.

In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? For **when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage** but are as the angels which are in heaven Mark 12:23-25.

3. MARRIAGE IS LIFE LONG (That is as long as both live)

Mark.10: 11,12 And he said unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, commiteth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she commiteth adultery.

Romans 7:1-3 Know ye not, brethren, [for I speak to them that know the law,] how that the law hath dominion over a man **as long as he lives**? For the woman which has a husband is bound by the law to her husband **so long as he lives**: but If the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but **if her husband be dead**, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

1 Corinthians 7: 10,11,39 unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. 39 The wife is bound by the law **as long as her husband lives**: but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will, only in the Lord.

Malachi.2: 13-15 and this have you done again, covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regards not the offering any more, nor receives it with good will at your hand. Yet you say, wherefore? **"WHY???"**

Because the Lord has been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously (divorce, depart from or be unfaithful to): **yet (in spite of your divorce) she is thy companion, and the wife of your covenant.**

And did he not make you one?... Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the Lord, the God of Israel says that he hates putting away (divorce). **? DO you hear that? Leave your wife and God does not hear your prayers.**

What these BIBLICAL terms mean?

{Marriage} is a Creation of God to join a man and a woman, who has no living husband, as one for the rest of their lives. And it is God who set the rules for marriage. To go through a marriage ceremony or to marry someone that God says you can't marry does not make you one-flesh in the eyes of God even if man and his laws say you are.

Here are two examples of marriages God does not accept.

Matthew.5: 32 says: Whoever shall **marry** a divorced woman commits adultery. And Mark.5: 17 says: for Herod had **married** Herodias. Just because you marry someone, that does not make them your spouse. God says a man can Not marry a man, can Not marry his mother, and he can Not marry an other man's wife.

{One Flesh} is something God does- that lasts a lifetime- in making a man and a woman one flesh as husband and wife.

For one to lie with another (a human act) does not make two people "one flesh" (a work of God).

For a man to lie with his wife is honorable and godly, and for a man to lay with someone not his wife is sin; but neither human act makes them one-flesh.

An ungodly act of fornication or adultery does not make anyone married, and such an act of sin can not make anyone "one-flesh" either. Laying with anyone is not what makes one married. A harlot is a harlot because of what she does, not because she is married or not married. Only God is able to make two people "one-flesh". And god will not do so against his laws.

{Adultery} is to lay with someone of the opposite sex, who is not your spouse, or to divorce and marry another. Mk.10:11-12

{Fornication} is harlotry (including adultery and incest) Strong's N. T. #4202 Fornication is also any sexual perversion (sex with an animal, man with man, child with parent, ...).

{Hardness Of Heart} is destitution of spiritual perception Strong's N.T. # 4541 (ignorance by choice) stupidity or callousness: blindness Strong's N. T.# 4457.

{Let Not \ Let None} puts the responsibility on others also, **let not man** put asunder (divorce), **let none deal** treacherously (divorce) against his wife, **let not the husband** put away (divorce) his wife.

If I command, "**Do not** close the door", and you find the door closed, what then? You say I didn't close it so it's not my responsibly to see that it gets opened. But if I say, "**Let not** the door be closed", that implies you and everyone that heard the command, not only to not close the door, but also to open it if it is closed. We need to be active watchmen. Not allowing men to think they can take apart what God says is not allowed.

Please read Ezekiel 3: 17-21: When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and I lay stumbling block before him, **he shall die: because you did not give him warning**, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand.

And from the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel. we read: If the wicked restore what he had robbed and walk In the statutes of life he shall surely live. Say unto them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the **wicked turn from his way and live**: We are our brother's keeper, and are instructed to be Praying always in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints Ephesians 6: 18.

{Mercy} is the grace of God freely given to all who turn from wickedness, ask for forgiveness, and live righteously. Isa.27: 11 says: ...for It is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them. And Isaiah 55:6-8: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he **will have mercy upon him**; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways says the Lord.

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy Hosah 10:12. By faith Able offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain (to obey God he had to kill a lamb) Hebrews 11:4.

Eli did not do the right thing in 1Samuel 2:12-4:18 only speaking to his sons Hophni and Phinehas

about their evil acts of eating the fat of the sacrifices and having sex with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle, Eli did not stop them but allowing them to continue being priest and continue with their evil acts. God said. "Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at my offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honor your sons above me.?"

4. TWO BECOME ONE FLESH

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and **they shall be one flesh.**

Matt. 19: 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they **twain shall be one flesh.**

Mark.10: 8 And **they twain shall be one flesh:** so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

****A Reason WHY GOD MAKES TWO BECOME ONE** Malachi 2: 15 And did not **he make [you and your wife] one?** And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed.

Psalm 127:3 children are an inheritance of the Lord: the fruit of the womb is his reward. Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them.

5. Are NEVER MORE TWO, but one.

Matthew 19: 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. Genesis 2: 24 and they shall be one flesh.

Mark 10: 8,9 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Malachi 2: 14-16 yet (in spite of your divorce) she is thy companion, and the wife of your covenant.. 15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and **let none** deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. ¹⁶For the LORD, the God of Israel, said that he hates putting away (divorce)...

DO NOT ALLOW man to put apart.

What therefore God hath joined together, **let not** man put asunder (divorce) Matthew 19:6, Mark 10:9, **let none** deal treacherously (divorce) against his wife Malachi 2: 14-16,

Let not the wife depart from her husband ... **let not** the husband put away (divorce) his wife.. 1Corinthians 7:10, 11.

HOW Can we stop Allowing or let not people to Divorce and Remarry?

- 1 By being informed about what Marriage really is.
- 2 By speaking the truth in love because we care about them more than what they might think of us.
- 3 By not calling people who are in adultery "Husband and Wife" or "Mr. and Mrs."
- 4 and By holding people accountable to their word vowed in their first marriage and to God's word.

We know what Moses said and what Paul said, but we **do not** accept their words as superior or contradictory to what Jesus said.

6. JESUS' teaching on Marriage (disciples are shocked) PLEASE NOTE that **Jesus is talking about people who think they are married.** Where OTHERS say "it's ok to divorce and marry another" BUT JESUS says whoever does so is in adultery.

In Matthew 5: 31,32 Jesus states" It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: and **whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.** And in Matthew 19:8 Jesus says "Moses suffered you because of your hardness of heart" But JESUS says that to marry a divorced person is to commit adultery.

--- DO YOU Know that HARDNESS of heart is unrepentant disobeying and unforgiven sin? ---

Matthew 19:3-10 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for

a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them. Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He said unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts (destitution of spiritual perception S.#4641) suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication (harlotry), and shall marry another, commits adultery: and whoso marries her which is put away doth commit adultery. **His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.**

Mark 10:2-12 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart (stupidity or callousness: -blindness S.#4457) he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he said unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, commits adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she commits adultery. Luke 16:18 JESUS Says "Whosoever puts away his wife, **and** marries another, commits adultery: and whosoever marries her that is put away from her husband commits adultery".

***** What Moses Said about divorce and remarriage. *****

all my life I thought that what Moses said about divorce and remarriage was the opposite of what Jesus taught. And this was a sadness in my spirit. But when I looked at what Moses said I realized Jesus and He agree a lot more than I not.

What the Pharisees are referring to in Matthew and Mark about Moses allowing divorce is Deuteronomy 24:1-4 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. 3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and gives it in her hand, and sends her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife; 4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God gives thee for an inheritance.

All the rest of scripture teaches that marriage is until death. But this passage must be talking about something different because it says even if the second man dies the first man is not to take her to be his wife. Bible references given in ("[BIBLICAL CONCEPTS OF MARRIAGE](http://whatismarriagetonywpiano.weebly.com/biblical-concepts-of-marriage.html)" in marriage paper <http://whatismarriagetonywpiano.weebly.com/biblical-concepts-of-marriage.html>)

All the rest of scripture also teaches that to marry a divorced woman who's husband is still alive is adultery. But this passage says this woman is free to go and marry while the first man is still alive.

So to interpret this passage as God saying it's ok to marry a divorced woman, who's husband is still alive, makes God to be saying two opposite things. This makes God out to be a liar. We know God cannot lie and will not go against his word. **Therefore it makes much more sense to read this passage with the understanding that it is talking about the first husband as only engaged or betrothed and not married until death.** Just like Joseph and Mary in Matthew 1:18 – 23, Joseph was going to divorce Mary even though he was not married to her yet. Moses gives an example in Deuteronomy 22:13 of marriage then sex equals marriage-till-death, where a husband claims his wife was not a virgin. If he is lying he pays a fine. But if she was not a virgin she gets killed not divorced. And in Deuteronomy 22:28 we find another example of marriage-till-death, where a man has sex with

a virgin, which is not betrothed and is required to marry her. **Now this is sex then marriage. Here there is no betrothal period and no divorce allowed.**

We are also not told what defiled the woman in Deuteronomy 24:4. It could be the publicly declared uncleanness that this man claimed in order to say she was not fit to have as a wife. So in making this quote "Godly" claim he put this quote "unclean" woman away. In acting on this "Godly" claim and receiving the benefits of it (he was allowed to put her away). To later say it is now Godly to do the exact opposite and take this unclean woman as a wife, makes God out to be a liar. Now that is an abomination.

7. MARRIAGE IS FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE NO (living) HUSBAND Mt.5:32 whoever marries a divorced woman is committing adultery. Mark 10:11,12 When a woman puts away her husband and marries another, she commits adultery. Lu.16:18 whoever marries a woman put away commits adultery. Romans 7:2,3 husband lives - wife marries another - is adultery. 1Corinthians 7:28,39 ...and if a virgin marry she hath not sinned. (39) The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband lives; but if husband is dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. Deuteronomy 22 :28,29 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

Herodias, Philip's wife is an **example of one man having another man's wife**. John the Baptist lost his head over speaking out about this immoral marriage. Some believe God only accepts marriages of Christians. Are these three believers? I think not. Did John lose his head because he didn't know what he was talking about? NO! Some say this marriage was wrong because it was Herod's brother's wife (incest?). The same chapter in Leviticus that says it's wrong to have your brother's wife also says it's wrong to have another's wife (Leviticus 18:16-20). Mark.6:17 says For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: **for he had married her**. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

Rahab the harlot was in the line of Christ. She was **blessed for turning to God and was forgiven of her past sins**. In the following references (Matthew 1:5) (Ruth.4:18-22) (Joshua 6:17,23,25) (Hebrews 11:31) we see Rahab as one of the faithful.

Because Joshua saved Her father's household I believe that she was still under her father [not married].

Joshua 6: 25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwells in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Hebrews 11:31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Bathsheba wife of Uriah, in line of CHRIST. (Matthew 1: 6) And David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias.

This is an example of adultery that David tried to cover up by murder. So that marriage ended because her husband was dead and another started after his death. David did not sin in Marrying a woman who had no living husband. David had to repent for the sins of Adultery, Murder, and Lies, and God forgave him, but he was told, "the sword shall never depart from your house." Reaping the harvest of the seeds we plant. David suffered much because of this sin Please read (2Samuel 11- 12: 24).

Michal was taken from David and "married" another man. Then she was taken from that man and returned David. This is an **example of a woman in another "marriage" being returned** to her right husband. 1Samuel 18:27, 25:44 2Samuel 3:13-16.

Gomer a wife that commits Adultery, Fornication, Prostitution, with no sign of repentance, but still a wife. (Hosea 1:2)

Does God forgive if you are already in a Divorced remarriage type of relationship not Knowing it was sin?

The Question you seem to be asking is : Is it ok to stay in this marriage that God calls Adultery?

I do not know of even one example of God blessing something he calls sin.

8. What is GOD's PICTURE of adultery and divorce in marriage revealed in the old testament. GOD used what was true about marriage to tell about his relationship with his people.

(Return to First Husband? Others say NO, But God Says YES.)

Jeremiah 3: 1,6-8,12-15 **They Say**, If a man put away his wife, and **she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again?** Shall not that land be greatly polluted?

The Lord Says, but you have played the harlot with many lovers; **yet return again to me.** (6) The Lord said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the harlot.

(7) And I Said **after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me.** But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery **I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce;** yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

(12) Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, **Return, thou backsliding Israel,** says the Lord; and I will not cause my anger to fall upon you: **for I am merciful,** says the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. **Only acknowledge your iniquity,** that you have transgressed against the Lord thy God, and have scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, says the Lord.

Turn, O backsliding children, says the Lord; **for I am married** (is husband of [Strong's # o.t.1166]) **unto you:** and I will take you one from the city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

How can He still be married after putting away and giving a bill of divorcement?

He is married because divorce does NOT dissolve the marriage. Let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Yet (in spite of the fact that you divorced her, still) **she is your companion,** and the wife of your covenant. Malachi 2: 14-16

(marriage is not dissolved by divorce).

Its no wonder people do not know what to believe with the way the Alexandrian (**Egyptian**) translations change the context of scripture in this chapter of **Jeremiah 3**

Although Most of the Alexandrian translations do not go so far as to put "The Lord says" at the first of verse one, they infer that it is the Lord commanding, because of "the Lord says" at the end of the verse. By removing "They say" from the first of the verse that would let someone know that part of what is said here is by someone other than God.

Also the Alexandrian translations add "you want to" to "return to me" in verse one. Then in verse 7 they change the word "**I said**" to "I thought" and added "she will" to "return to me". But God repeats the command to RETURN 3 more times in verses 12, 14, & 20-22. In these 3 verses all the Alexandrian translations say return.

What is the problem? Can't God make up his mind? Is a Wife to return to her 1st husband or not? Then one more thing here the Alexandrian translations change "married" meaning (husband), and meaning something more in line with marriage that this passage is talking about But, They change it to "master" A word having a much wider meaning and less to do with marriage. And even though he divorced Israel in verse 8 (Even in all the Alexandrian translations) Then in verse 14 he says he is

husband to Israel but you can't see that with the Alexandrian translations changing "married" to "master"

Look at these **examples of Alexandrian translations**

Jeremiah 3 The **LORD** says, "If a man divorces his wife, and she leaves him and becomes another man's wife, he cannot take her back again. This would completely defile the land. But, Israel, you have had many lovers, and now you want to return to me! (**Good News Bible**)

⁷ And I thought, after she has done all this she will return to me. But she did not return.

¹² Go, proclaim these words toward the north, and say: **Return**, rebel Israel, says the LORD,

¹⁴ **Return**, rebellious children, says the LORD, for I am your **Master**;

²⁰ But like a woman faithless to her lover, even so have you been faithless to me,

O house of Israel, says the LORD.

²¹ A cry is heard on the heights! the plaintive weeping of Israel's children,

Because they have perverted their ways and forgotten the LORD, their God.

²² **Return**, rebellious children, and I will cure you of your rebelling. **Jeremiah 3 (New American Bible)**

And they do the same thing with Malachi 2: 14-16. IS it any wonder people do not know what to believe?

Here are 5 more verses, everything underlined is not in Alexandrian based bibles. Do these verses say the same things without the underlined part? The words in **red** are words Jesus said, OR did he say them or not???

Lk4:4...**It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone**, (and deleted is) **but by every word of God**

Mark 10:24 ...**Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!**

Matthew 5:44 **But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you**

LK 9:56 **For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them**. And they went to another village.

Acts 8:**37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.** (Whole verse gone)

How are we to live?

9 Is GOD's PICTURE OF MARRIAGE revealed in the New Testament

Ephesians 5: 6,8,17,21-29,33 Let no man deceive you with Vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (8) For you were sometimes darkness, but now you are light in the Lord: walk as children of light (17) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is (21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

(22) **Wives**, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord**. (23) For the husband is the head of the Wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body**. (24) **Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ**, so let the wife be to her own husband in every thing.

(25) **Husbands**, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it** (He died for an imperfect and sinful church so he might wash it and make it perfect); **that he might sanctify and cleanse it** (her) **with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it** (her) **to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it** (she) **should be holy and without blemish**. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself. (29) For no man ever hated his own flesh; But nourishes and cherishes his own flesh, **even as the Lord the church**: (33) Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as he loves himself; and the Wife see that she reverence her husband. 1Peter 3: 1-7 Let each wife be subject to her own husband...with a meek and quiet spirit. Husbands...give honor unto your wife. . . **that your prayers be not hindered**.

We need to BE like Christ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, ... made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant...Philippians 2:5-7

{Not same for man as for woman}

<p>Husband is the head of Wife (Eph.5:23) Husband is to love his wife (Eph.5:25) Husband is to die to self for his wife (Eph.5:25) Husband is to sanctify his wife ... by the word (Eph.5:25) Husband is to cleanse his wife ... by the word (Eph.5:25) Husband is to wash wife to present her to himself glorious Husband is to wash wife to present her to himself without spot Husband is to wash wife to present her to himself without wrinkle Husband is to wash wife to present her to himself without blemish Husband is to wash wife to present her to himself as holy Eph.5:29 Husband is to nourish his wife (Eph.5:29)</p>	<p>Husband is to cherish his wife (Eph.5:29) Husband is to love his wife as his own body (Eph.5:28) Husband that loves his wife loves himself (Eph.5:28) Husband is to honor his wife as the weaker vessel Husband is to honor his wife as being heirs together of the grace of life (1Peter 3:7) Husband that puts away his wife... causes her to commit adultery (Matthew 5:32) Husband who puts away <u>his</u> wife, and marries another, commits adultery (Luke 16:18)</p>
<p>Wife is to be subject to husband in every thing (Eph.5:24) Wife is to reverence her husband (Eph.5:33) Wife is to win her husband without a word (1 Peter 3:1) Wife is to win her husband by her Godly conduct (1 Peter 3:2) Wife is not to be mostly concerned about outward appearance Wife is to be mostly concerned with matters of the heart (1Pet3:3) Wife is to be concerned with a meek spirit (1 Peter 3:4) Wife is to be concerned with a quite spirit (1 Peter 3:4) Wife is Sarah's daughter if she does good (1 Peter 3:5) Wife is bound by the law as long as her husband lives (1Cor. 7:31)</p>	

10 word study (Put Away: to Free fully, Relieve, Release, Set at liberty ? Strong's # n.t. 630) In the phrase, "Who ever shall put away Wife/husband"...? a person would think, that this would mean that the marriage has been dissolved, but Jesus says, whoever marries such a one commits adultery. Matthew 5: 32 Matthew 19: 3,7,8,9,& Mark 10: 2,4,11,12. & Luke 16: 18.

WORD STUDY (Commits Adultery) Who ever shall put away, AND be married to another commits adultery. (Strong's #s 3428, 3429, 3430, and 3431 commits adultery come from #3432), (Strong's # n.t. 3432 paramour [male whore] - adulterer)(Strong's # o.t. 5003 - adulterer [-ess] commit [-ting] adultery). Places where the phrase commits adultery is used: Mark 10: 11,12,19, Luke 16: 18,20 Romans 7: 2,3 Rom.13: 9 Leviticus 18: 20; Lev.20: 10; Proverbs 6: 32; Ezekiel 16: 32.

Marriage is HOLY. Adultery is SIN.

That which is SIN can NOT become that which is HOLY. Woe to them that call Evil good, and GOOD evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness Isaiah 5:20. In the Romans.6:16 passage it says, Don't you know that you are the servant to whom you obey? Serve sin for death or obey for life.

11 HOW DO WE APPLY THESE TRUTHS?

WHO NOT TO MARRY (Leviticus 18: 1-23) not near kin, not parents, not sister, not niece, not aunt, not son's wife, not brother's Wife, not another's wife , not man with man, not to lie with any beast

ONLY FOR BELIEVERS? NO! GOD's law applies to everyone. Sin is why anyone will go to hell (please read Ezekiel 18:20-24 the soul that sins he shall die). Herod and Herodias were not believers and Matthew and Mark write of Herodias as Philip's wife in Matthew 14:3 and Mark 6:1, and John the Baptist was applying this law to them as unbelievers. How about the cities of Nineveh and Sodom? These were cities of unbelievers, but God's law still applies as told about in Jonah 1-4 and Luke 11: 31-32. GOD forbids that we continue in sin! Jesus said, one that does not know and does things worthy of stripes will still be punished in Luke 12: 48.

NOT UNDER BONDAGE? When Paul talks about marriage in 1Corinthians 7 He makes it clear in verses 10 and 11 that the Lord commands, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife. and in verse 39 he confirms that marriage is until death by saying "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord". So to interpret the "not under bondage" phrase in verse 15 *as a right to remarry makes Paul out to be contradictory to himself. Such as in Verse 10 let not wife/husband depart/putaway... verse 15 ???free to remarry???... verse 39 bound as long as husband lives.*

The bible never talks of marriage as bondage.

Under bondage is to enslave; become or make servant (Strong's #1402), (See the service or bondage talked of, the wife and husband are to render due benevolence... has not power over own body...withhold not from one the other... need to please wife or husband. This is the service or bondage that no longer is necessary if unbeliever leaves. BUT The marriage is till death, either living together or apart.

IF ONE COMMITS ADULTERY does that free the other of marriage? NO. Marriage is till death and that is why it is committing adultery for a woman to marry another if her husband is still alive. A husband is to die to self, for his wife's sake. This is not only if she is perfect, but so he can help her to be perfect. So he might present her glorious and perfect to himself and also to God. And then we are given an example real close to heart of how we are to love our wife. Like we love our own self. Try Replacing "I'm" with "Is she" (I'm cold, I'm hungry, I'm thirsty, Is she in pain, does her heart ache, are her feelings hurt, Is she lonely,...) see bible pictures of marriage (Ephesians 5:23-29) (Jeremiah 3: 1-15) Do we love our wife as we love our self??? Do we love as CHRIST loved the Church? He came and lived and died for the unrighteous that he might clean us from sin and redeem us.

WHEREIN YOU ARE CALLED therein be content. This only means lawful states, (uncircumcised/ circumcised [1Corinthians 7: 17-19], servant/ free [7: 20-22], lawful marriage/ single [7: 24,27], soldier [Lu.3: 14], tax collector [3: 12,13]. We are to STOP being whores, paramours, **adulterers**, thieves, extortionists, drunkards,.. (1Corinthians 6: 9,10). It's not who you are but how you do it. In all things we are to repent (STOP) from what we know to be sin ask for forgiveness and give back what is not ours (Luke 3: 3,8).

Marriage is until death. SO having the wife of someone who is not dead is a continuing sin of adultery. And such were some of you.

ALL THINGS ARE NEW We now, with the help of the Holy Spirit, should desire those things that are good and holy. And now we should hate those things that are wicked and sinful. Wickedness never turns into holiness. If before I was born again, I robbed a bank, or kidnapped a child, or took someone's land by fraud, or married a woman whose husband was not dead, do I keep these things now? No! Sin is sin and must be set right. Return things back to the rightful owners. "All things are new" does NOT mean that which was adultery (sin) is now become that which is holy (marriage). BE ye reconciled, walk no longer in sin, live no longer for self, but unto CHRIST who died for you.

2Corinthians.5: 15,17,20 And that he died for all, that they which live **should not any longer live for themselves**, but for him which died for them, and rose again.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be reconciled to God.

VOWS It is by our words that we express our thoughts and intents, and pledge ourselves to one another before God. When God talks of marriage he's not talking about a temporary bedroom agreement. When God makes two one-flesh it is until death, Vow or no vow, **if** it is a marriage in God's sight, it is till death. The reason for a vow is to state your intentions more strongly, binding yourself more firmly.

Numbers 30:2 If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceeded out of his mouth.

(Vows are different for daughters, wives, widows, and divorced women. See Numbers 30:3-16) ...and her father/husband hold his peace at her then all her vows shall stand... Have you ever thought about why the bride is given away by her father?

Deuteronomy 23: 21-23. When you vow a vow unto the Lord your God, you shall not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if you do not vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of your lips you shall keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as you have vowed unto the Lord your God, which you have promised with thy mouth

Ecclesiastes 5: 4-6 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that you not vow, than that you should vow and not

pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands?

THIS IS A CONSIDERATION about vows. Matthew 5:34 But I (Jesus) say unto you, swear not at all, but let your communication be yes, yes: or no, no: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Eli did not do the right thing in 1Samuel 2:12-4:18 only speaking to his sons but not restraining them. Eli was their father and high priest and therefore he was responsible for their actions. **What are we doing in instruction, training, and restraining our children?**

MARRIAGE IS an until death of the spouse commitment, between a man and a woman (with no living husband), to be husband and wife.

God created marriage. Marriage is holy and righteous. God encourages marriage. Marriage is not adultery.

Divorce does NOT dissolve a Marriage. Divorce only calls off a marriage that never came to be (like Joseph was thinking of with Mary), or Divorce after marriage is only a separation between husband and wife (like "**whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery**"), and the reason it is adultery is because divorce does Not Dissolve a marriage. Only death ends a marriage.

Adultery is not marriage. Adultery is sin and is forbidden by God. What God calls adultery can NOT somehow become marriage.

This is the **love** of God, that we **keep** his commandments.
: and his commandments are not grievous.

We can not save anyone by going to hell for them or with them.

Hosea 4: 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me: seeing **you have forgotten the law of God.** I will also forget your children.

Yes, GOD does forgive All sin for which we STOP the sin and ask forgiveness for and return that which does not belong to us.

Yes, GOD does forgive adultery if we stop the adultery and ask for forgiveness. God in his mercy gives us His words of life and light that we might live and not die. He calls us to be his peculiar (treasured) people.

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