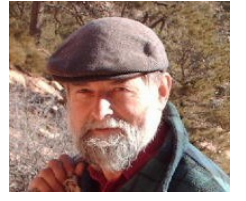


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I would love to be in agreement with what most Christians believe and proclaim on marriage or any subject, but we are not called to be followers of any people group. We are called to be followers and proclaimers of God and of his ways. I do not want to be one of : **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,... in thy name (we have) done many wonderful works AND God will say: I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matt 7:23**

God's will is for us to live and be blessed and not that we suffer and die . If I, because of my concern for you, say “Do not touch the hot stove”, and you touch it and get burned, is it my fault that you got burned? NO! You got burned because you did your own will and did not heed my instruction. So too we will reap the result of our own actions with God and his creation. The warning was of loving concern to protect you from harm. So too God warns us that we might live and not die. IF we will not heed his instructions and commandments we will hurt and suffer of our own actions.

Sin is what separates us from God.

If I tell a liar “God loves you” but do not tell them that God says they must not lie, I am keeping them from the love of God. If I tell a thief “God loves you” but do not tell them that God says they must not steal, I am keeping them from the love of God. If I tell an adulterer “God loves you” but do not tell them that God says they must stop committing adultery, I am keeping them from the love of God.

It is bad for all if we do not share the warning and instruction of God. It is harmful for the individual if they themselves do not heed God's word.

SO this I share with you Because I care about you and I want God's best for you. And God gives us his instruction because he created us and loves us and he knows what is right for us and also what will cause us hurt and death.

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If you cannot read the all 18 pages then just read “**What Moses Said about divorce and remarriage**” . (4 pages 8-11)

**TO WHOM** is God's MERCY applied ?

**Does God's Mercy** apply to you?

**Who is God's MERCY to?** : Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God he is God. the faithful God which keeps covenant and **mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments** to a thousand generations;

Nehemiah 1:5 And said. I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keeps covenant and **mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:**

Psalm 25:10 All the paths of the LORD are **mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Proverbs 28:13 He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but **whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.**

Daniel 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord. the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and **mercy to them that love him. and to them that keep his commandments;**

Hosea 6:6 For **I desired mercy**, and not sacrifice; **and the knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings.

Hosea 10:12 **Sow** to yourselves in righteousness, **reap in mercy;** break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Luke 1:50 And his **mercy is on them that fear (reverence) him** from generation to generation.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but **according to his mercy** he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**>>Looks like we apply God's mercy to ourselves by obeying God's word.<<**

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in **the love of God**, looking for **mercy** of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**What is the love of God?** : 1John 5:2-3 **By this we know that we love** the children of God, when we **love** God, and keep his commandments. **For this is the love of God. that we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous.

2John 1:6 **And this is love, that we walk after his commandments.** This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man **keep my saying**, he shall never see death.

John 14:15 **If ye love me. keep my commandments.**

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me. he will keep my words:** and my Father will **love** him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that **loves me not keeps not my sayings:** and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

John 15:10 **If ye keep my commandments. ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his **love.**

**>>Looks like we love God by obeying his commandments.<<**

**NO MERCY to :** Isa 9:17 Therefore the Lord shall have **no joy** in their young men. **neither shall have mercy** on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Isaiah 27:11 When the boughs thereof are withered they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a **People of no Understanding:** therefore he that made them will **not have mercy** on them, and he that formed them will show them no favor.

Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying vanities **forsake** their own **mercy.**

Luke 16:24-25 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have **mercy** on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

**>> Looks like God allows us the choice of not obeying and thereby we forsake God's mercy toward us when we do not obey Him. <<** May the **mercy** of God be upon you.

**May the mercy of God be upon you.**

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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 (I 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 (I 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 reproved. **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. Genesis.2:18,21-24.

What therefore **God hath joined** together, Mt. 19:6, Mk.10: 9. And if a virgin marry she hath not sinned. ICor.7:28. Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers **God will Judge**. Heb.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 are deceived, 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 Matt.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 error, 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.

## So is it adultery over and done in the past? Or is it Ongoing Continuing Adultery?

The High-lighted Quotes below are from Daniel R. Jennings book Except\_For\_Fornication.

Link : [http://www.danielrjennings.org/except\\_for\\_fornication\\_version\\_1.pdf](http://www.danielrjennings.org/except_for_fornication_version_1.pdf)

Inquiring into the *clear passages*. Jesus says if a person enters into a remarriage state then he or she “commits adultery”. **The question is how do they commit adultery? Is it once (at the time when they first enter into the new marriage) or do they “commit” adultery continuously so long as they are in the new marriage?** Looking at the Greek in these passages gives us the answer to this question. The Greek verb for “commits adultery” is in the *present tense*. The present tense in Greek generally indicates that something happens continuously in an on going manner. When a Greek verb is written in the present tense it implies that it has, continued from the moment that it began up until the present and is still continuing. Page 113

In Luke 16:18 Jesus declares:

Whoever **puts away** (*present continuous tense*) his wife, and marries (*present continuous tense*) another, commits adultery (*present continuous tense*) and whoever marries (*present continuous tense*) her that is put away from her husband commits adultery (*present continuous tense*) Page 117

This passage is really saying:

**"Whoever, continues to put away his wife, and enters into a continuous and ongoing state of marriage with another, commits**

**adultery continuously: and whoever enters into a continuous and ongoing state of marriage with her that is put away from her husband commits adultery continuously"** Page 118

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(IT IS ADULTERY BECAUSE THE SPOUSE IS NOT DEAD THEIR FIRST MARRIAGE CONTINUES)

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?... That he might seek a godly seed. 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 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 (ongoing continuing 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, he 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 (united) as husband and wife. For one to lie with another (a human act) does not make two people "one flesh" (something only God can do).

For a man to have sexual activity with his wife is honorable and godly, and for a man to have sexual activity 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 "one-flesh". 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. **1Cor 6:16** What? know ye not that he which is joined (married) to an harlot (definitely an unbeliever) is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. This is not saying sex with an ungodly person makes you Married, But he who marries an ungodly unmarried woman is one flesh with her.

**{Adultery}** is to divorce and marry another. In Greek the "Present Tense" indicates an ongoing and continuing action.(Mk.10:11-12; Matt 5:32; Matt 19:9; Luke 16:18 **committeth adultery, commits adultery, or doth commit adultery = is committing adultery**, an ongoing and continuing action) THIS IS HAVING ANOTHER PERSON'S SPOUSE. Adultery also means to lay with a married person of the opposite sex, who is not your spouse,

**{Fornication}** is sex before marriage when the word fornication is used with adultery. Otherwise fornication, when the word is used alone, can be all sexual sin (including adultery and incest) also any sexual perversion (sex with an animal, man with man, Adult with child, sex outside of marriage...). Strong's N. T. #4202

**{Hardness Of Heart}** The very next thing Jesus talked about in Mathew chapter 5 after saying "**whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.**" Jesus goes on to talking about keeping your word. If you gave your word then keep it. Let your yes be yes, keep it. If you promised to marry keep it. If you married keep it.

### **Can man end a marriage that God joined as one?**

There is a common thought that because Jesus said "let not man put asunder", people think that it must be possible for man to end a marriage. But Jesus did not imply that men are able to end a marriage. What he was saying is we are not to be allowing people to act as if they could and did end their marriage.

**{Let Not \ Let None}** puts the responsibility not only on the married couple but also on everyone. If you will notice that the wording of these commands is "**Let Not \ Let None**". The wording is not "Do Not" put asunder, is not "Do Not" depart, is not "Do Not" deal treacherously. Such "Do Not" wording would be addressing the person personally, but scripture says "Let Not \ Let None" making these commands everyone's concern and responsibility. What therefore God hath joined together, **let not** man put asunder (divorce) Matthew 19:6, Mark 10:9, **let none** deal treacherously against (divorce) his wife Malachi 2: 14-16, **Let not** the wife depart from her husband ... **let not** the husband put away his wife.. 1Corinthians 7:10, 11.

**HOW Can we stop Allowing** or **let not** people to Divorce and Remarry, and not allow/let adulterous marriages?

- 1 By being informed that Marriage really is until death.
- 2 By speaking the truth in love because we care about them and do not want them to end up in hell.
- 3 By **not** calling people "Husband and Wife" who are in adultery. and not calling them "Mr. and Mrs. new-last-name" we can call them by their 1<sup>st</sup> names.
- 4 By holding people accountable to their word **vowed** in their first marriage and to God's word saying marriage is until death. Making a new vow can not remove or undo an older allowable vow. Keep your vow.

If God commands, "**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 God says, "**Let not** the door be closed", that implies you and everyone that knows of 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 we are to not allow. IF we ALLOW divorce and remarriage by saying nothing we also become guilty of the sin of this remarriage/adultery.

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 Eph. 6:18.

**Mercy Please** {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 (turn away from) 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.

Psalms 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** they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. (Do you think you would want soldiers that want only one or two bullets filling the army under your command?) God is saying children are a blessing from Him. When we say we want none or only one or two children we are calling it a curse that which God calls a blessing. God said be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28, 9:7). Having only two children is not increasing it is not even replacement.

**5. Are NEVER MORE TWO, but one.**

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh Matthew 19: 6. 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. <sup>16</sup>For the LORD, the God of Israel, said that he hates putting away (divorce)...

What Moses said and what Paul said cannot be superior or contradictory to what Jesus said. If we cannot ask questions of any divorce we are forced to accept all divorce remarriages.

**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. (IT IS ADULTERY BECAUSE THE FIRST MARRIAGE IS UNTILL DEATH)

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 (sex before marriage), 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 from the beginning it was not so". JESUS says that to marry a divorced person is to commit adultery.

That is because if the divorced spouse is still alive that first marriage is still their marriage.

**--- 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 (sex before marriage), 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.** (not good to marry or to be a eunuch All *men* cannot receive being a eunuch)

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. (Adultery is a sex sin that a married person commits. Therefore calling it adultery is saying the first marriage is not done away with but is still continuing)

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**

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All my life I thought that what Moses said about divorce and remarriage was the opposite of what Jesus taught. But when I looked more closely at what Moses said I realized Jesus and Moses were not saying opposite things.

What the Pharisees are referring to in Matthew 19 and Mark 10 about the command of Moses 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*. 3And *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 you shall 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.** SO this passage must be talking about something different because it says even if the second man dies (the end of any marriage) the first man is not to take her to be his wife (he had proclaimed her to be unclean).

**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 another 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. How can that be? Well the last thing in making a marriage "married until death" is consummation. If the marriage has no sex and an "uncleanness" is proclaimed (saying: GOD says this is not to be because God calls this unclean) that is why divorce is allowed and marriage to another is allowed.** Like Joseph and Mary in Matthew 1:18 – 23, Joseph was going to divorce Mary even though he was not married to her yet and had not had sex with her, but he could **see** that things did not seem right being that Mary was with child. 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 is chastised and pays a fine, and is never allowed to divorce her. 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 first then marriage. Here there is no betrothal period and no divorce allowed. If this is how it is when a woman is forced would it be any different if she agreed to sex???

**So Moses clearly states no divorce after an allowable consummated marriage.**

While it is true that that the straight forward reading of Deu.24:1-4 sounds like it allows divorce and remarriage after any marriage, it has to agree with what Moses already said in Deu.22, where he speaks of "sex, marriage, and no divorce" and also speaks of "sex (not a virgin) and death" To interpret Deu.24 passage as speaking the opposite of what Moses already said and opposite of what all the rest of scripture clearly says and opposite of what God in the flesh (Jesus) says does not make sense. It is like taking 1Cor.7:15 (a sister is not under bondage) and understanding it as opposite and contradicting what is said before in verses 10-11 (Let not the wife depart) and that said later in verse 39 (The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband lives) of the same chapter. These people (Moses, Jesus, and Paul) are not saying opposite and contradicting things and expecting us to

understand them. No we have to interpret and understand these things in light of and in agreement with what they and other parts of scripture have said. We know God did not accept imperfect sacrifice offerings. The thought of finding that your betrothed wife had a blemish (some uncleanness) that you did not see until you see her naked for the first time and then decide not to consummate the marriage but rather call the unconsummated marriage off, seems to fit with the rest of scripture, and not do damage to this passage.

Also: remember that the Jews thought of themselves as Husband&Wife from betrothal onward (Agreements made, Bride price paid), thus making a statement of calling the marriage off (a bill of divorce) essential before marriage. It also seems reasonable that the bill of divorcement would include the exact written uncleanness (nakedness/blemish/deformity) that the woman had that brought about this putting away, so any other man that agreed to marry her would know before (having read the bill of divorce) and therefore would have no reason to declare an uncleanness. Scripture does not say this woman is free to marry a third man while the second man is still alive. It is a jumped to assumption that this Deu. 24 passage allows a third, fourth, and more marriages. It does not say other marriages are allowed and that thinking is contrary to all the rest of scripture. This passage starts with the man and ends with the man, it is really not talking about the woman.

Jesus is talking about marriage, and Moses is talking about marriage also, that is why they must use the words they do. I am trying to convey the thought that in scripture and in life there are points, where people recognize, that when a person is beyond a certain point there can be no uncertainty they are now beyond that point. For example: If you agree to buy a car, **at what point**, 1-7 below, **is the car yours?** (consummation of agreement)? **1:** you think to buy the car, **2:** you verbally commit to it, **3:** you sign some agreement, **4:** you pay a part payment, **5:** you take possession, **6:** you pay most of agreed price, **7:** you pay in full. I say from point 2 onward a person could **say** the car was theirs, But not until point 7 was the ownership consummated. AND I believe Moses made that allowance with marriage ie Moses allowed a man to call off a marriage, **renounce his word**, up until the point of sex. Why would consummation be so important? Why is it sex that makes human marriage consummated? Is virginity of importance or significance in this issue? I often wondered about the example of God in marriage with Israel [Jer.3] what consummated that marriage? Because God said after divorcing Israel "return for I am married unto you". But as with God, so also Jesus was saying, if you give your word keep it, let your word be your consummation, do not be hardhearted.

At what point in time does Scripture teach a betrothal marriage (agreement to marry) becomes a "marriage until death" (No backing out, no divorce)???

- 1.- When a man makes an agreement to marry? (now Betrothed)
- 2.- When Man takes woman from her home?
- 3.- When man brings this woman into his house?
- 4.- When man sees this woman naked?
- 5.- When man has sex with this woman? (**now married until death**)

Does this point in time have anything to do with she no longer being a virgin?

If Marriage until death is connected with virginity then could the man do steps 1, 2, 3, and 4, but not have Sex step 5 And still call off the marriage??? Because he decided not to have sex with her (step 5 above).

1.- a man makes an agreement to marry. (now Betrothed)

2.- Man takes woman from her home.

3.- man brings woman into his house.

4.- man sees woman naked (something he was not able to do before marriage) and finds some uncleanness (**blemish**) and now calls off the marriage (**gives a bill of divorce**).

If we look at the wording (bold words below) and the meaning of the Hebrew words

**Deut 24:1** When a man hath **1 taken** a wife, and **2 married** her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some **3 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.

**1 taken** H3947 לקח laqach (law-kakh') v. 1. to take (in the widest variety of applications) KJV: accept, buy, carry away, fetch, get, receive, reserve, seize, send for, take (away), win.

**2 married** H1166 בא אל ba`al (baw-al') v. 1. to be master 2. (hence) to marry, KJV: have dominion (over), be husband, marry.

**3 uncleanness** H6172 ערוה `ervah (er-vaw') n-f. 1. **nudity, literally (especially the pudenda)** or figuratively (disgrace, **blemish**) [from H6168] KJV: nakedness, shame, unclean(-ness). v. 1. to be (cause, make) bare 2. (hence) to empty, pour out, discover, empty, make naked, pour (out), rase, spread self, uncover.

**Pudenda: Human external genital organs collectively especially of a female**

**Is it likely that the wording used in Deu.24:1 Needs to be used i.e. (a Man takes a wife step 1-2 above), and (married her step 2-3 above), and (finds some uncleanness nudity, literally (especially the pudenda) step 4 above) but it is still talking about the woman's virginity still being intact (no sex step 5 above)??? And because this allowable marriage had no sex, if she was put out (divorced) she could go and marry another while the first betrothed (his word given) husband was still alive (In other words she was looked upon as never married, still a virgin). In fact Deu.24:5 seems to carry this Virginity thought further in that if a man takes a new wife he was to have a year of not going to war or otherwise being taken away from this wife. A length of time in which she likely will no longer be a virgin and also might have a child.**

I am amazed that Jacob ( Genesis 29:18-30) accepted Leah as his wife and worked another seven years for his agreed betrothed wife. This has to be **because once consummated there was no backing out** Even though he was tricked into this sex with the wrong unbetrothed virgin woman and even though he had agreement and had paid bride price for another woman.

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 quote "Godly" claim and receiving the benefits of it (the benefit being: 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. What made her clean? First he proclaimed to the world that she is unclean, to get out of keeping his word of marriage (Hardness of Heart), for him to later take her as his wife makes a contradiction of values and a mockery of God.

SO God is saying if by my standards using my name you call her unclean and put her out (because of your hardness of heart you refuse to keep your word), then by my standards you must not marry her. **That is an abomination.** In Mathew 5 after Jesus talks about Divorce/Remarriage the very next thing he talks about is keeping your word.

**Jesus says:** Matthew 5:32 ..."whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."  
Mark 10:11 ... "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her."

**Paul Says:** 1 Corinthians 7:39 " 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."

Romans 7:2 "For the woman which hath an 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. **Rom 7:3** So then if, while *her* husband lives, she marries another man, she will 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." (Marriage continues until death of spouse.)

**Says: Jeremiah 3:1** 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? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. Jer 3:8 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 Jer 3:14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; **for I am married unto you.**

**Malachi 2:13 Says:** And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand. 14 Yet ye say, Why? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously (divorced): yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy 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. 16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously. 17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

**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**, Herod's brother 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 (Leviticus18:16-20). 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 this seems 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: 1,6-8,12-14 **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?

(1)**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;** ...

(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.

(14) 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.

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**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** (still in spite of the fact that you divorced her) **she is your companion,**

**and the wife of your covenant.** Malachi 2: 14-16

(marriage is not dissolved by divorce it is only a separation).  
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## **BIBLE Changes! WHAT Does Your Bible Say?**

Its no wonder people do not know what to believe with the way the Alexandrian (**Egyptian**) translations change the meaning of scripture. (some Egyptian based bibles including ASB, CEV, DRB, ESV, GW, GNB, NET, LB, NLT, NAB, NIV, NWT, NRS, RSV, RV, this means that they base their translation changes mostly on two Egyptian manuscripts (**Vaticanus And Sinaiticus**) that do not agree with each other in thousands of places.) To see some translation change examples go to: [whatismarriagetonywpiano.weebly.com/uploads/3/0/0/0/3000147/01\\_bible\\_changes\\_niv\\_w-intro\\_2015-1-16ymd.pdf](http://whatismarriagetonywpiano.weebly.com/uploads/3/0/0/0/3000147/01_bible_changes_niv_w-intro_2015-1-16ymd.pdf)

### For an Example: **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 wording "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 they infer that God said all of it.

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 also say return but not in verses 1 and 7.

**What is the problem? Can't God make up his mind?** Is a Wife to return to her 1<sup>st</sup> husband or not?

Then one more thing here the Alexandrian translations change "married" meaning (I'm still your 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 had put Israel away for **adultery** (verses 2,6,9,20) and gave her a bill of divorce in verse 8 (Even in all the Alexandrian translations) Then in verse 14 he says **he is married** to Israel but you can't see that with the Alexandrian translations changing "married" to "master". Masters do not give bills of divorce.

### Some **example Quotes 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**)

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

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

<sup>14</sup> **Return**, rebellious children, says the LORD, for I am your **Master**;

<sup>20</sup> But like a woman faithless to her lover, even so have you been faithless to me, O house of Israel, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> **Return**, rebellious children, and I will cure you of your rebelling. (**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 **Bold** part) **but by every word of God.** (Knowing what we need to live by is very important.)

Mark 10:24 ...**Children, how hard is it** (and deleted **Bold** part) **for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!** (Jesus was not saying it's hard unless your trust is in riches, But that part is not in many new bibles, making it sound like it is hard to enter the kingdom of God.)

Matthew 5:44 **But I say unto you, Love your enemies, (and deleted Bold parts) 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 (deleted **Bold** part) **For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.** And they went to another village. (What is left of this verse is useless.)

Acts 8:**37** (Whole verse gone) **And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest** (be baptized). **And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.** (Philip's answer of requirement and this man's confession of faith in Jesus Christ all gone.)

## How are we to live?

### 9. GOD'S PICTURE OF MARRIAGE Is revealed in the New Testament.

Ephesians 5: 6 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 imperfect and sinful people so he might wash them and make them perfect); **that he might sanctify and cleanse the church** (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><b>Husband</b> is the head of Wife (Eph.5:23)  <b>Husband</b> is to love his wife (Eph.5:25)  <b>Husband</b> is to die to self for his wife (Eph.5:25)  <b>Husband</b> is to sanctify his wife ... by the word (Eph.5:25)  <b>Husband</b> is to cleanse his wife ... by the word (Eph.5:25)  <b>Husband</b> is to wash wife to present her to himself glorious  <b>Husband</b> is to wash wife to present her to himself without spot  <b>Husband</b> is to wash wife to present her to himself without wrinkle  <b>Husband</b> is to wash wife to present her to himself without blemish  <b>Husband</b> is to wash wife to present her to himself as holy Eph.5:29  <b>Husband</b> is to nourish his wife (Eph.5:29)</p>	<p><b>Husband</b> is to cherish his wife (Eph.5:29)  <b>Husband</b> is to love his wife as his own body (Eph.5:28)  <b>Husband</b> that loves his wife loves himself (Eph.5:28)  <b>Husband</b> is to honor his wife as the weaker vessel  <b>Husband</b> is to honor his wife as being heirs together of the grace of life (1Peter 3:7)  <b>Husband</b> that puts away his wife... <b>causes</b> her to commit adultery (Matthew 5:32)  <b>Husband</b> who puts away <u>his</u> wife, <b>and</b> marries another, commits adultery (Luke 16:18)</p>
<p><b>Wife</b> is to be subject to husband in every thing (Eph.5:24)  <b>Wife</b> is to reverence her husband (Eph.5:33)  <b>Wife</b> is to win her husband without a word (1 Peter 3:1)  <b>Wife</b> is to win her husband by her Godly conduct (1 Peter 3:2)  <b>Wife</b> is not to be mostly concerned about outward appearance  <b>Wife</b> is to be mostly concerned with matters of the heart (1Pet3:3)  <b>Wife</b> is to be concerned with a meek spirit (1 Peter 3:4)  <b>Wife</b> is to be concerned with a quite spirit (1 Peter 3:4)  <b>Wife</b> is Sarah's daughter if she does good (1 Peter 3:5)  <b>Wife</b> 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. It is adultery because the 1<sup>st</sup> marriage is still continuing.

WORD STUDY (**Commits Adultery**) Who ever shall put away, AND be married to another commits adultery (an ongoing continuing action). (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 (Herod's brother) 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 (self-love an ever present part of our being). 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. **If** it is a marriage in God's sight, it is till death, Vow or no vow, it is not a vow that makes a marriage. As a bad example "I vow to marry you for so long as we are happy together". The reason for a vow is to state your intentions more strongly, binding yourself more firmly. But a vow is useless if it is not in agreement with the principles of marriage. And a bad or poor vow does not change what marriage is.

Scriptures to consider:

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?**

**Conclusion : If you jumped here and skipped over all content (18 pages) bringing a person through what scripture says and ending with this conclusion, you'll be like someone who knows the ingredients for making dynamite but is without the instruction of how to mix it, use it, and what dangers to be aware of.**

**Please read all (only 19 pages) of this marriage document.**

**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 ended by 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 the first marriage. Therefore to marry a divorced person is adultery because you then have someone who is spouse to an other person). 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. If we cannot ask Questions of any divorce we are forced to accept all divorce remarriages.

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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