

Two Main Results of Christ's Teaching

1. **ADULTERY** is the one cause of divorce.
 2. A person who divorces his wife because of her adultery is entitled to do so, we can further say that divorce has **ENDED** the marriage, and that this man is now free and as a free man is entitled to remarriage.
- **DIVORCE** puts an end to this connection, our Lord Himself says so.
 - God forbid that we teach that any sin (other than the sin of not believing) is outside the grace of Jesus Christ.
 - *John 8:11* "Go, and sin no more."

Doing Deliberate Discipleship

1. **The goal of marriage**
 - Genesis 2:24-25
2. **Husband: love your wife**
 - Ephesians 5:25-33a; 1 Peter 3:7
 - Ask her
3. **Wife: respect your husband**
 - Ephesians 5:22-24; 33b
 - Ask him
4. **Enjoy the pleasure of sex within your marriage**
 - Proverbs 5:19; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Hebrews 12:14; Song of Songs
5. **Realize who your body belongs to (and whose belongs to you)!**
 - 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-5

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Sermon on the Mount
"Spiritual Surgery"
Matthew 5:29-30

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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

"Marriage: Sacred & Binding" Matthew 5:31-32

Ten Distinctives of Preaching / Teaching (18b-35)

- Acts 20:18b **LIFE ORIENTED**
- Acts 20:19 **TOTAL PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT**
- Acts 20:20 **PROFITABLE**
- Acts 20:21a **UNBIASED**
- Acts 20:21b **FUNDAMENTAL**
- Acts 20:23 **FAITH JOURNEY**
- Acts 20:24 **SELF-SACRIFICING**
- Acts 20:24 **GOAL ORIENTED**
- Acts 20:25 **WARFARE**
- Acts 20:27 **WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD**

At FFC, we are committed to "Expository Exultation."

Today's text is 1 of 6 contrasts, "You have heard...but I say to you."

Remember that in these 6 contrasts Jesus isn't comparing the law of Moses with His teaching, but rather the false **INTERPRETATION** of the law by the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus wasn't going to correct the law of Moses since it was the very oracles or God, He is out to correct the perversion being taught the people by the Pharisees and scribes.

What did the law of Moses really teach regarding divorce?

Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Exodus 21:10-11

THE LAW OF MOSES LAYS DOWN THREE PRINCIPLES

1. It limited divorce to certain **CAUSES**.
 - Therefore the Mosaic law limited reasons while **DISMISSING** any frivolous, superficial and unjust matters for divorce.
2. It **ENFORCED** that any man who divorced his wife must: (Deuteronomy 24:1)
 - Write her a certificate of divorce
 - Put it in her hand
 - Send her out of his house
3. A man who divorces his wife **CANNOT** remarry her if she remarries another (Deuteronomy 24:2-4).
 - The purpose of this Mosaic legislation: restore order to chaos, limit the consequences, and legislate a particular condition.

What did the Pharisees/scribes teach regarding divorce?

TWO RABBINICAL SCHOOLS

1. Shamai:
2. Hallel:
 - In this matter of divorce the Pharisees were **MISSING** both the letter and the spirit of the law!

LEGALISTS ARE VERY CAREFUL REGARDING THE LEGAL DETAILS

- The only factor that mattered to these men was the **LEGAL** requirement of giving the wife a bill of divorcement.
- Through **CLEVER** interpretations and traditions, the Pharisees and scribes had avoided, concealed and nullified the Mosaic legislation.

What our Lord Himself teaches regarding divorce.

- Jesus explains in Matthew 19:3-9 what is summarized in Matthew 5:32.
- The Pharisees try to **TRAP** Jesus: Matthew 19:3
- Jesus **RESPONDS**: Matthew 19:4-6

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE ~ Goes back beyond Mosaic law to creation

- Matthew 19: 4 ~ *Genesis 1:27* “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
- Matthew 19:5 ~ *Genesis 2:24* “And the two shall become one flesh.”
- Matthew 19:6 ~ One flesh is something distinct, certain other ties are broken and a new one is formed.
- Matthew 19:7 ~ So how do you explain the law of Moses?
- Matthew 19:8 ~ Jesus answer: “*Because of the hardness of their hearts God made a concession.*”
- We must keep God’s **ORIGINAL** object and intention regarding marriage at the forefront of our minds...one flesh, indissolubility, and coming together.

GOD HAS NEVER ANYWHERE COMMANDED ANYBODY TO DIVORCE

- Grace always **TRUMPS** sin, and as unworthy sinners saved by grace we must exhibit that love and forgiveness, especially in marriage.

THERE’S ONLY ONE LEGITIMATE CAUSE / REASON FOR DIVORCE ~ FORNICATION

- *Malachi 2:13-16; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; 1 Corinthians 7:12-16*
- It is a question of “one-flesh” and the person who is guilty of adultery has **BROKEN** the bond and has become united to another.