

Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"The Christian And Divorce"
Matthew 5:31-32
Part-20

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- 1. What does God have to say about divorce?**
- 2. "How is the church to deal with divorce and how can we help people who have and are going through divorce?"**
- 3. I hope that this message will help those unmarried to see the seriousness of marriage and that you will choose your future spouse very carefully.**
- 4. I hope that we all realize that no matter what our situation God loves you and that if you fall on the side that is contrary to God's will, that there is forgiveness in Jesus.**

Matt 5:17-48 Christian's Righteousness:

The Key Verse in the Sermon: Matthew 5:20

Jesus shows six ways that our righteousness can exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees.

Each one starts with the phrase: "You have heard." 6 X's

Jesus then says to the people - "But I say to you" 7 X's

1. Christian and Anger – Matt 5:21-26
2. Christian and Sex – Matt 5:27-30
3. Christian and Divorce – Matt 5:31-32

We'll look at 4 Areas this morning:

1. Marriage God's Design:
2. Marriage During Moses Day:
3. Marriage During Jesus and Our Day:
4. Marriage God's True Intent:

1. Marriage God's Design:

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Marriage God's Design: • Gen 2:21-25

4 Essentials Which Constitutes A Biblical Marriage:

1. (**Severance**) A man shall leave his father and mother
2. (**Permanence**) and shall cleave to his wife - cleave – speaks of “to glue, melting of joints together, inseparable bond.”
3. (**Unity**) and they shall become one flesh -
 - Eph. 5:31 and the two shall become one flesh.
4. (**Intimacy**) • Gen 2:25

2. Marriage During Moses Day:

- Deut 24:1-4

Deut 24:1 - some indecency - (• Lev. 20:10)

indecency – literally “nakedness, impurity”

Process: Four Steps - Deut. 24:1-4

1. **Found some indecency** - some grounds
2. **Writes a certificate** - take time, would probably require a Levite to write it out.
3. **Serve it** - place it in person's hand
4. **Sent out of the house**

- Mal 2:13-16

3. Marriage During Jesus and Our Day:

Matthew 5:31-32 - Abbreviated version

Matthew 19:3-9 - Full version

There were 2 Schools of Thought During Christ's Day:

1. Rabbi Hillel – (Liberal)

Rabbi Akiba –

2. Rabbi Shammai – (Conservative)

- Matt 19:4

Jesus gives in the next 3 verses 7 Things About Marriage:

1. **Divine Institution** - (Created) God made marriage before the church, govt.

2. Marriage consist of - (**Male and Female**) Monogamist Relationship

- Matt 19:5

3. Marriage Involves **Leaving** - starting a new unit

4. Marriage Is **Permanent** - (cleave) - Lit. "to glue together" melt together. PVC pipe melted together

5. Marriage Involves **Consummation** - One flesh - sexual union

- Matt 19:6

6. Marriage Is The **Highest Of All Relationships** - above children, friends (no longer two)

7. Marriage Is **Non-Divisible** - "Let no man separate" - no divorce - no option - inseparable

- Matt 19:7-9

4. Marriage God's True Intent:

- Matt 5:31

Taken Deut. 24:1-4 Religious Leaders - were concerned about two things:

1. **The grounds of Divorce** - Don't commit adultery - just divorce your spouse

2. **Procedure** - Letter of the law - not the spirit of intent - How to get out and the right way

- Matt 5:32

Desertion: • 1 Cor 7:12-15

Application:

1. If you are married, you are married to the right person.
2. God's plan is one man for one woman until death.
3. God loves you and wants the best for you, that is why He laid out His will for us.
4. Young people, marriage is a serious thing that you need to think long and hard about before you jump in.