

Divorce Summaries

God's Original and Intended Marriage Plan

- Marriage joins the male and female together so they become "one flesh".
- One man for one woman for life.
- Purpose to propagate the earth (Ge.1:27-28).
- Purpose to help each other (Ge.2:18).

Genesis 2:18-25

Certificate of Divorce

God regulates divorce to:

- Protect the innocent
- Makes divorce harder to get
- Allows the innocent to re-marry

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

God Forbids and Punishes Adultery

- God forbids adultery (Ex.20:14).
- Adultery in the O.T. Requires death (Le.20:10; De.22:22).

Exodus 20:14
Leviticus 20:10
Deuteronomy 22:22

God Joins and makes the Two "one flesh"

- Adultery is the result of re-marriage.
- The command is to give the certificate to protect the innocent.

Mark 10:1-12

Adultery

- A person who marries a divorced person commits adultery (Mk.10:12).
- Immorality is a sin against the body (1Co.6:16-18).
- Christ forgave a woman caught in adultery. He told her to go and sin no more (Jn.8:1-11).
- To divorce your spouse and marry another is adultery, and a person who marries a divorced person commits adultery (Lu.16:18).

Luke 16:18
1 Corinthians 6:16-20

Immorality: the only Exception

- Immorality is the only justified reason for divorce (Mt.19:9; 5:31-32).
- Divorce was permitted only because of their hardness of heart.
- The thought of removing the eye and hand shows how serious immorality is to God.

Matthew 19:3-12
Matthew 5:31-32

Marriage and the Law

- The law is illustrated using marriage.
- A widow who re-marries is not an adulteress.

Romans 7:1-6

"Do you not know ... For he says" (v.16)

The Grace of God is Sufficient

- ☞ Paul tells of a time when man will forbid to marry (1 Ti.4:1-3). God created marriage, but man will try to destroy it.
- ☞ God can forgive. But the consequences because the one flesh of marriage is broken, the joy God intended will not be the same. [Illustration: A glued yet broken vase still shows the scars of having been broken].