

THE GOSPEL AND DIVORCE

LUKE 16:18

→ Our question has to continually be “What does the ____ say?” not “What does the ____ say?”

LUKE 16:18; MATTHEW 5:31-32; MATTHEW 19:3-10; DEUTERONOMY 24:1-4; GENESIS 2:24
MALACHI 2:16; 1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-16

Foundational Truths About Marriage & Divorce:

1. God ____ marriage and created it to be a _____ and a _____.
2. God ____ divorce. He hates its _____ and its _____.
 - No marriage is perfect because everyone that gets married is _____.
 - Divorce is _____ a result of sin.
 - Divorce is _____ sinful.
 - Everybody _____ in a divorce.
3. God _____ divorce.
 - 1 ground for divorce between believers = _____.
In this situation...
 - Divorce is _____, not _____.
 - Divorce between believers is _____ desirable.
 - 1 ground for divorce between a believer and non-believer = _____ (1 COR. 7).
4. The Bible _____ divorce but never _____ divorce.
 - RECONCILIATION IS _____ THE GOAL OF THE GOSPEL! (2 COR. 5:18-19)
5. God can _____ divorce!
 - God is _____ forgiving and always _____! He will never _____ on you or _____ you.

Application:

- If you are single... See and use your singleness as a ____ to make much of Jesus!
- If you are married... Remember marriage is a picture of the Gospel! ____, ____ and _____ one another in a way that reflects the way Jesus has loved us.
- If you are considering divorce... Remember the power of Christ, ____ from sin and run to Jesus. Remember that nothing is impossible with God! And get some help!
- If you are divorced for a biblical reason... ____ in the grace and mercy of Jesus. ____ Jesus in the possibility of a future marriage.
- If you are divorced for an unbiblical reason and single... _____ of your sin and ____ in Jesus as you glorify Him by remaining single. Possibly consider _____ if your divorced spouse is single.
- If you are divorced for an unbiblical reason and married... Repent of your sin and ____ Christ in your current marriage.

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Foundational Truths About Marriage & Divorce:

1. God loves marriage and created it to be a permanent covenant and a picture of the Gospel.
2. God hates divorce. He hates its causes and its consequences.
 - No marriage is perfect because everyone that gets married is a sinner.
 - Divorce is always a result of sin.
 - Divorce is often sinful.
 - Everybody loses in a divorce.
3. God regulates divorce.
 - 1 ground for divorce between believers = unrepentant adultery.
In this situation...
 - Divorce is possible, not inevitable.
 - Divorce between believers is NEVER desirable.
 - 1 ground for divorce between a believer and non-believer = abandonment (1 COR. 7).
4. The Bible permits divorce but never promotes divorce.
 - **RECONCILIATION IS ALWAYS THE GOAL OF THE GOSPEL!** (2 COR. 5:18-19)
5. God can redeem divorce!
 - God is always forgiving and always faithful! He will never cheat on you or abandon you.

Application:

- If you are single... See and use your singleness as a gift to make much of Jesus!
- If you are married... Remember marriage is a picture of the Gospel! Love, serve and forgive one another in a way that reflects the way Jesus has loved us.
- If you are considering divorce... Remember the power of Christ, run from sin and run to Jesus. Remember that nothing is impossible with God! And get some help!
- If you are divorced for a biblical reason... Rest in the grace and mercy of Jesus. Trust Jesus in the possibility of a future marriage.
- If you are divorced for an unbiblical reason and single... Repent of your sin and trust in Jesus as you glorify Him by remaining single. Possibly consider reconciliation if your divorced spouse is single.
- If you are divorced for an unbiblical reason and married... Repent of your sin and honor Christ in your current marriage.