

DIVORCE

MATTHEW 5:31-32

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT MARRIAGE & DIVORCE

1. God _____ marriage and created it to be a _____ and a _____ of the Gospel.
2. God _____ divorce. He hates its _____ and its _____.
 - No marriage is perfect because everyone that gets married is a _____.
 - Divorce is _____ a result of sin.
 - Divorce is _____ sinful.
 - Everybody _____ in a divorce.
3. God _____ divorce.
 - We do not need to approach the Scriptures as if we are looking for a _____ so we can get divorced.

2 Regulations:

- _____ - Matthew 18:21-22
- _____ - 1 Corinthians 7:13-15

What about abuse?

I do think there is a strong argument to be made that abuse is a form of abandonment. In these situations...

- Divorce is _____, not _____.
- Divorce, particularly between believers, is _____ desirable.

4. The Bible _____ divorce but never _____ divorce.
5. Reconciliation is _____ the goal of the Gospel. - 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
6. God can _____ divorce!
 - God is _____ forgiving, always _____! He will never _____ on you or _____ you.

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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.
 - We do not need to approach the Scriptures as if we are looking for a LOOPHOLE so we can get divorced.

2 Regulations:

- UNREPENTANT SEXUAL IMMORALITY - Matthew 18:21-22
- ABANDONMENT - 1 Corinthians 7:13-15

What about abuse?

I do think there is a strong argument to be made that abuse is a form of abandonment. In these situations...

- Divorce is POSSIBLE, not INEVITABLE.
- Divorce, particularly between believers, is NEVER desirable.

4. The Bible PERMITS divorce but never PROMOTES divorce.
5. Reconciliation is ALWAYS the goal of the Gospel. - 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
6. God can REDEEM divorce!
 - God is ALWAYS forgiving, always FAITHFUL! He will never CHEAT on you or ABANDON you.