

Called To be
Saints

STUDIES IN FIRST CORINTHIANS

Marriage & Divorce According to Jesus

1 Corinthians 7:10–11, et al.

1. Advice for Widows & Widowers

A. Stay single if you can.

B. Marry if you must.

2. Commands for the Married

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3. Instructions for Those Married to an Unbeliever

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B. If abandoned, accept it and remain single.

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- (1) It was expected that a man would always divorce an adulterous wife.**
- (2) But a women couldn't divorce an adulterous husband.**
- (3) There was endless rabbinic debate over the grounds for divorce.**
- (4) If you met the grounds for divorce, you could remarry.**

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Deuteronomy 24:1-2

“When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man’s wife.”

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- B. Divorcing your spouse and marrying someone else is as serious as adultery.**
- C. Marrying someone who has been divorced is as serious as adultery.**
- D. Both husband and wife are equally bound by the marriage covenant.**

Matthew 19:10

“His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.”

Luke 16:18

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and marrieth another, committeth
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Acts 15:20

“But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.”

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- 4. Divorce is allowed during the Jewish betrothal period.**

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