

**THE TRUTH ABOUT DIVORCE**  
**Matthew 5:31-32**

**INTRODUCTION:**

We are continuing our Sermon Series on The Sermon On The Mount (Matt 5-7). In this message, we will study five points related to The Truth About Divorce.

- “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mark 10:9).

- I. **THE VIEW OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES ON DIVORCE** (v. 31)
  - A. Jesus moves from The Sin of Adultery (Matt 5:27-30) directly to Divorce.
  - B. In the days of Jesus, the Scribes and Pharisees used Deut 24:1-4 as the standard for Divorce.
  - C. This “writing of divorcement” (Certificate of Divorce) served three purposes (Deut 24:1-4).
- II. **THE VIEW OF JESUS ON DIVORCE** (v. 32)
  - A. Jesus revealed that the Pharisees were looking at Divorce from the wrong perspective.
  - B. God’s design for marriage (Matt 19:1-12; Gen 2:23-24).
  - C. Jesus acknowledges that Moses permitted Divorce, but explains that it was due to the hardness of their heart – not God’s original plan (vv. 7-8; Mal 2:16).
  - D. The Sanctity of Marriage (Matt 19:6; Mark 10:9)
  - E. Working On It (1 John 1:7; Col 3:23)
- III. **THE CONSEQUENCES OF DIVORCE** (v. 32b)
  - A. The husband who divorces his wife on grounds other than adultery, makes the innocent wife commit adultery if she remarries.
  - B. Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor 7:10-11, 39; 2 Cor 6:14-15).
  - C. Problems of Divorce
- IV. **THE EXCEPTION TO DIVORCE** (v. 39a)
  - A. Adultery breaks the union and attachment – oneness between husband and wife.
  - B. The union and attachment of faith, hope, love, trust, assurance, confidence, and trust – are broken.
  - C. The Lord allows for Divorce and Remarriage – of the innocent spouse when adultery is involved.
- V. **THE EXPECTATION REGARDING DIVORCE**
  - A. Divorce in the case of adultery is permitted, but it is not commanded, encouraged or demanded – “God hates Divorce” (Mal 2:16).
  - B. Divorce is a result of sin. However, Divorce and Remarriage are not the unpardonable sin (1 John 1:9).
  - C. We should always work toward reconciliation – Saving the marriage (Eph 4:32).

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. God's original plan for marriage – Marriage is meant to be for a lifetime – A lifetime of commitment!**
- B. Marriage is the making of One from Two – When we are joined in marriage we become one flesh.**
- C. Marriage takes Three to be complete – The husband, wife and God in the Center (Anonymous).**
- D. The marriage bond that joins two hearts – No power on earth can break if they commit their lives to Christ, and of His love partake (D. DeHaan).**
- E. ABC's of Salvation**
- **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
  - **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
  - **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).