

The Messiah

a study of the Gospel according to Matthew / 5:31-32

We need to discuss _____.

What did the Lord say about this difficult subject?

According to the Lord Jesus ...

1. Culturally, it becomes too _____.

a. To us, divorce is _____.

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a *certificate of divorce*.' " (31)

* ... "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning." (Matthew 19:8; see Deuteronomy 24:1-4)

b. But to the Lord, divorce is _____.

"The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the LORD ... "does violence to the one he should protect," ... (Malachi 2:16)

(1) Because marriage is a sacred _____.

... the LORD is the witness [of that covenant] between you and the wife of your youth ... she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. (Malachi 2:14c-f)

(2) Because marriage is a solemn _____.

... So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful ... (Malachi 2:15)

2. Biblically, there remains only two _____.

a. There is a permission for _____ a divorce.

"But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, *except for sexual immorality*, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery." (32)

b. There is a permission for _____ divorced.

If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him ... (see 1 Corinthians 7:12b-14)

But if the unbeliever leaves, let it be so. The brother or the sister is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace ... (see 1 Corinthians 7:15-16)

"You LORD, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who _____ to you."

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