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## **Divorce and Remarriage Is Allowed For Any Cause.**

- **Some today claim that marriages which exists under terrible circumstances (i.e. incompatibility, abuse, drunkenness etc.) justifies divorce and remarriage.**
- **When asked if a man can divorce his wife for any reason, Jesus said, there is only one allowed exception for divorce (i.e. fornication), and then the innocent party is freed from the marriage bond, and may remarry one who is eligible to be married without committing adultery. (Matthew 19:3-9)**

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**Divorce and Remarriage Is Permissible If One's Spouse Looks Upon Another With The Aim To Lust After Them In Their Mind, Even Though They Do Not Commit The Physical Act.**

- Those who hold this view base their belief upon what Jesus said in Matthew 5:28, and they claim that this act is equivalent to the literal physical act of adultery.**
- Although this is a sinful act, it does not give one a right to divorce and remarry because the physical act of fornication has not been committed. (Matthew 5:32)**

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**Divorces and Remarriages That Occur Before One Becomes A Christian Are of No Consequence, Because Non-Christians Are Not Subject To The Law of Christ.**

- Those who hold this view fail to realize that Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth, and that all flesh are under His authority. (Matthew 28:18; John 17:2)**
- Notice that when Jesus said “whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery, and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery” indicates that this rule applies to all mankind. (Matthew 19:9)**

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**Divorce and Remarriage Is Permissible If A Believer Is  
Deserted By An Unbeliever.**

- Those who hold to this view base their belief off of what the apostle Paul revealed in 1 Corinthians 7:15. However, Paul is not stating any further revelation on the subject of remarriage, and it's important to note that the Greek word for "bondage" here is never used with reference to the marriage bond. (Ref. 1 Corinthians 7:15, 27)**
- Nothing revealed by the apostles by the Holy Spirit could be at contradiction with what Jesus taught (Ref. John 16:12-13), and Jesus specifically taught that there is only one exception for divorce and remarriage. (Matthew 19:9)**

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## **Unscripturally Divorced and Remarried People May Remain Married After Baptism.**

- Some believe and teach that if an adulterous marriage occurred before baptism, it is forgiven at the point of baptism as is any other sin, and therefore one can remain married.**
- The Bible teaches that baptism forgives all past sins that have been repented of. (Ref. Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)**
- Understand that in Matthew 19:9, “committeth adultery” is in the present tense denoting a continued action.**

# God's Plan of Salvation

- **Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)**
- **Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)**
- **Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)**
- **Confess Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)**
- **Be baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins. (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27-29)**
- **Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)**