

# CALLED TO BE SAINTS **TOGETHER**

## Sacred Marriage

### 1 Corinthians 7:8-16 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. <sup>9</sup>But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. <sup>10</sup>To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband <sup>11</sup>(but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife. <sup>12</sup>To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup>If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. <sup>14</sup>For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. <sup>15</sup>But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. <sup>16</sup>For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

### 5 goals for this message:

We must be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, even if it's conclusions are \_\_\_\_\_.

We must distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

We must elevate our regard of marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ status.

We must apply \_\_\_\_\_ as Scripture dictates without giving \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

We must consider the implications of the \_\_\_\_\_ in all of this.

### Some **lessons** from the text:

Paul preferred singleness for \_\_\_\_\_ reasons.

Critical: Paul's advice to marry or not marry was \_\_\_\_\_ opinion.

Paul's teaching *about* marriage was \_\_\_\_\_.

### What is marriage?

Marriage is the \_\_\_\_\_ between one man and one woman and God's intention is for marriage to last \_\_\_\_\_.

God can\* use marriage \_\_\_\_\_.

What is divorce?

Divorce is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a marriage.

Divorce is \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ on 2 grounds:

\_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 5:31-32, 19:8-9

\_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Cor 7:12-15

When can someone who is divorced remarry?

\_\_\_\_\_.

Because the biblical grounds for divorce are narrow – and must apply as a prerequisite for biblical remarriage, divorce and remarriage is clearly prohibited in most instances (except for adultery and desertion):

**Matthew 19:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup>And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

**Mark 10:11-12 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her,

<sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

**Luke 16:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup>“Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

**1 Corinthians 7:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup>But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.

How should we handle divorce in the church?

I’m considering divorce right now. Won’t God forgive me?

What should I do now if I’ve been divorced?

Repentance, restoration, and healing ...