

Jesus on Marriage and Divorce

Matthew 5:31-32

³¹ *"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'*

³² *But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

The cultural context: moral laxity regarding divorce

"It was also said ..."

24 *"When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce ... (Deuteronomy 24:1a)*

Two schools of thought:

The scriptural context: lust → adultery → divorce

What's the root issue (always)?

What's the cure for a lustful heart?

Is my heart's desire to find an "escape clause", or to work for faithfulness?

The text itself: a sample, not the sum of Jesus' teachings

"But I say to you ..."

Jesus is restoring the right sense of God's good _____ and _____ in marriage.

We already know what God thinks of divorce. _____.

Malachi 3:11-16 tells us ...

- 1) It is the breaking of a sacred _____ ("Breaking _____").
- 2) It brings _____ to our Christian witness.
- 3) It causes _____ to others.
- 4) It destroys the picture of covenantal faithfulness between _____ and the _____.

In light of all this, where do we look for a remedy?

"Be careful then to keep your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." (Mal 2:16 LSV)

"So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." (NASB)

"So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife." (NLT)

Implications and Applications:

Jesus _____ this exception clause because of the very _____ of marriage: It is a _____ union. Violating that union is "porneia" (translated here "_____").

Jesus _____ but does not _____ divorce for the cause of sexual infidelity. Adultery doesn't *necessarily* put a marriage beyond repair. God's _____ is great.

If there is no _____ cause for a divorce, and a person remarries, that is _____ (adultery).

If there is a legitimate _____ of marriage (divorce), then _____ may be possible.

Conclusion: Truth and Grace

What if I'm struggling in my marriage now?

What if I have sinned already?

What can I do proactively to guard my heart?

Sunday, June 2

10am Worship

Pass The Promise

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Adoration.....John Adams Uptain
Psalm 103:15-19

¹⁵ *As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Nothing But The Blood

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Paul Thompson
Matthew 26:26-29

²⁶ *Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

Isaiah 25:6-8

⁶ *On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.*

Lord's Supper

Offering

The Love of God

MessagePaul Thompson
Jesus on Marriage and Divorce
Matthew 5:31-32

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

BenedictionZach Daniels
1 Peter 2:9

⁹ *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

5pm Worship

The Solid Rock

Scripture Reading & Corporate Prayer

I Stand Amazed

Come Thou Fount

Life Defined

MessagePaul Thompson
Divorce-Proofing* Your Marriage

Trust and Obey

Men's Breakfast

Friday, June 7 | 6am | ROC Lobby

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

Summer 2024 Open Class Schedule

Sundays, June 2-Aug 25 | 8:30am

Meaningful Membership (June 2, 9, & 16), Parlor

Whether you are new to Calvary or have been at Calvary for a long time, this class offers all the information you need to know about Calvary.

Stewardship, Room R300/302

This class is about how to faithfully steward all that God has given us. In this class, you will learn how to better manage your money, time, health, and skills.

Wednesdays, June 5-Aug 28 (no class July 3) | 6pm
Biblical Theology, Room R300/302 (will meet in Sanctuary on June 5)

This class explores the discipline of learning to read the Bible as one story by one divine author that culminates in the person and work of Christ so that every part of Scripture is understood in relation to Christ.

Summer in the Sanctuary

In June and July we will be meeting for worship in the Sanctuary at 10am each week.

June 5 Midweek Schedule

6pm Biblical Theology Open Class, Sanctuary
No Preschool, Children, or Student Activities

The Great Jungle Journey VBS

June 3-7 | 8:30am-12pm

Kids will be going on an epic adventure through the jungle and will be exploring the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Join us on this exciting jungle cruise with sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs. Visit calvarydothan.com/VBS for more information.

Senior Adult VBS

June 10-12 | 9am-12pm | Room R300 in the ROC

All senior adults are invited for Bible study, fellowship, and fun.

Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

June 11-12, 2024 | Indianapolis, IN

If anyone is interested in representing Calvary as a messenger at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, contact Caren in the church office, or email caren@calvarydothan.com.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

- I trusted Jesus as Savior.
- I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.
- I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.
- Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pastors & Prayer Team Only
- Churchwide

Connect Card

June 2, 2024

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male
- Female

- Married
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Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

June 2, 2024

June Missions Spotlight

B and M (Global Missions Partner)

B and his team work alongside the South Asian church to see them take local stewardship of the Great Commission and Great Commandment, especially among Muslims who remain unreached and unengaged with the Gospel. If you would like to learn more about their ministry work, contact Tommy Perry and he will inform you of their efforts. If you would like to know how to pray for them, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center Foyer.

Dare to Hope (Local Missions Partner)

Dare to Hope is a ministry bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to women who are hurting and hopeless due to exploitation. They serve those who are at risk of exploitation and exist to provide spiritual and emotional support as well as practical solutions that foster healing and wholeness for women, leading them from vulnerability to stability. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of Dare to Hope, you can visit daretohope.net.

Prayer needs can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center Foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

May 26

10:00 Worship: 381
Hispanic Church: 106
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given May 26: \$34,089.11
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
(\$8,706.66) as of 04/30/24

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

June 2-8

- Lk 1:1-25, Eph 1:1-14, Ps 119:1-8, 1 Kgs 1
- Lk 1: 26-38, Eph 1:15-23, Ps 119:9-16, 1 Kgs 2-3
- Lk 1:39-56, Eph 2:1-10, Ps 119:17-24, 1 Kgs 4-5
- Lk 1:57-66, Eph 2:11-22, Ps 119:25-32, 1 Kgs 6-7
- Lk 1:67-80, Eph 3:1-13, Ps 119:33-40, 1 Kgs 8

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
- 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
- 11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM
94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.
- 5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary
Childcare for Babies-K3

I'm New Here



We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson..... Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain..... Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor
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Tommy Perry..... Missions

STAFF ON CALL

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 9

10am

What Is My Word Worth?

Matthew 5:33-37

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

Message by Tommy Perry

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life Groups
Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
Grades 1-5, Chapel
Grades 6-12, Student Room

⁴ ... "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

– Matthew 19:4-6



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