

A Biblical View of Divorce
Matthew 19:1-13, 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

Introduction:

Statistics:

- Peaked in 1985 _____ Million Divorces
- 2018 _____
- 20% to 25% of first marriages end in divorce
- Kids today are more likely to experience cohabitating homes than parental divorce
- Divorce was a hot topic during the time of Christ

I. Jesus Teaching on Divorce (Matthew 19)

- A. Pharisees were preoccupied with divorce
- B. Don't un-one what God has made one
- C. Not all divorce is sinful, but all divorce is because of sin
- D. To divorce and remarry is to commit adultery if not a Biblical divorce.
- E. Exception clause (vs.9)

II. Paul's Teaching on Divorce (1 Corinthians 7:10-16)

- A. Don't divorce (vs.10-11)
- B. Divorce if unsaved demands it. (vs. 12-14)
- C. "In such cases"
 - 1. Greek phrase only appears here in the N.T.
 - 2. Used in Greek writing often.
 - 3. It is a plural form not a singular form
- D. What might be other cases?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.

IV. Practical Thoughts:

- A. For Better for Worse
- B. Don't live in past sin
- C. Confess the adultery and move on
- D. Don't decide to divorce alone
- E. Marriage is difficult

Conclusion:

What if God made marriage more for holiness than happiness?

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