

QUESTIONS ABOUT

Marriage

Divorce

Remarriage



“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”



Foundational Clarifications

- **Divorce**
- **New Testament Terms/Dictionary Definitions**

απολυω [*apoluō*] (**Matt. 19:3; 5:32**)

χωρίζω [*chōrizō*] (**Matt. 19:6; 1st Cor. 7:10**)

αφιεμι [*aphiēmi*] (**1st Cor. 7:11**)



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“a judicial declaration dissolving a marriage in whole or in part”

“any formal separation of husband and wife according to established custom”



Foundational Clarifications

- **Divorce**
- **New Testament Terms/Dictionary Definitions**
- **No Longer Husband & Wife; No Longer Bound**

Matt. 19:1-9; Gen. 2:24; John 4:16-18



Foundational Clarifications

- **Not Based On:**
 - **Human Laws**
 - **Feelings**



God's Answer

(Matt. 19:1-9)

- The Pharisees' Question

- Divorce For Just Any Reason?

(v. 3)

- Jesus' Answer:

- *He didn't answer by the Law of Moses (vv. 4, 5)*

- *'No.' Divorce never intended (v. 6)*

Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:6; John 14:1; Rom. 14:3



God's Answer

(Matt. 19:1-9)

- The Pharisees' Follow-Up Question

- What About Moses' Command?

(v. 7)

- Jesus' Answer:

- *Not a command; a 'permission'* (v. 8)

- *Only one reason God gives for divorce* (v. 9)



Conclusions & Explanations

- **Only One Reason For Divorce Allowed By God**
- **The 'Exception Clause'** **(Matt. 19:9a)**
- **Conclusions From the Converse**



Conclusions & Explanations

- **If Divorce Is Not For That Reason:**
 - **It Is Sin**
 - **Remarriage Constitutes Adultery**

Matt. 19:6; Rom. 7:2; 1st Cor. 7:39; Matt. 19:9b

