

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND REMARRIAGE - PT. 1

MDR AND JESUS' AUTHORITY



AUTHORITY OF CHRIST AND THE WORD

HOW IT APPLIES TO MDR

CHRIST'S AUTHORITY AND THE WORD

- Authority:
 - Right to command – Mt. 28:18; 1 Thess. 2:13; 1 Cor. 14:37
 - Right to act based on authority of Christ found in the word – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- Having Christ's authority is necessary because:
 - Without it we cannot know God's will – Jer. 10:23; Isa. 55:7-9; 1 Cor. 2:9-13
 - We must speak and act by Christ's authority – Col. 3:17
 - We are not to add to or take away from Christ's doctrine – Rev. 22:18-19; 1 Cor. 4:6

MDR AND CHRIST'S TEACHING

- Jesus' teaching is supreme and far-reaching
- Murder: Serious sin begins in the heart – Mt. 5:21-22
- Adultery: Sin of lust is “adultery in the heart” – Mt. 5:27-28
- MDR: Only one biblical cause for divorce – Mt. 19:8-12
 - Disciples saw implications of such strict teaching
 - Jesus acknowledged strictness and how some would not marry because of it.
- Can't follow standard of the world or religions – Jn. 3:19; 2 Tim. 4:2-4

UNACCEPTABLE METHODS OF DETERMINING CHRIST'S WILL

APPLIED TO MDR

TRUTH ON MDR IS NOT DETERMINED BY...

- Our thoughts:
 - “I know the words says that, but I just think...”
 - Our thoughts do not change God’s word – 2 Kings 5:10-11, 12, 14
- Our feelings:
 - “I just feel a loving God will not condemn me to living single...”
 - God’s love necessitated that Jesus sacrifice his life on the cross because of OUR sins – Phil. 2:5-11

TRUTH ON MDR IS NOT DETERMINED BY...

- The fact that God wants us to be “happy”:
 - God does want us to be happy.
 - We can't use this fact to negate the teaching of God's word.
 - God doesn't promise happiness based on our circumstances being as we want them – 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pet. 4:12-14; 1 Jn. 5:2-3

CONCLUSION

- We have learned:
 - Christ has all authority and has revealed His will in the N.T.
 - Those who will be pleasing to Christ must go to His word to find authority for their doctrine and practice.
- We must not seek authority in:
 - Personal thoughts and judgments
 - Feelings
 - God is a loving God, seeing this does not negate obedience or sacrifice on our part
 - The fact that God wants us to be happy
- It is my hope that these thoughts will help us keep a straight course in this study of MDR.