

WHAT DOES THE  
BIBLE SAY ABOUT

**DIVORCE?**

# The Nature of Jesus' Teaching

## Matthew 10:34-37

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Acts 8:3

But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Matthew 19:3-12

The Key Principle



# God Joins

Man Woman

Two become one flesh



# Don't separate it

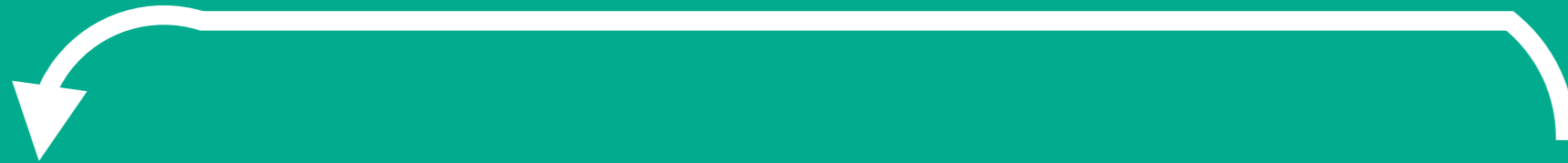


What About  
the Old Law?

Beginning

OT Law

Christ



Remarriage

Man

Woman

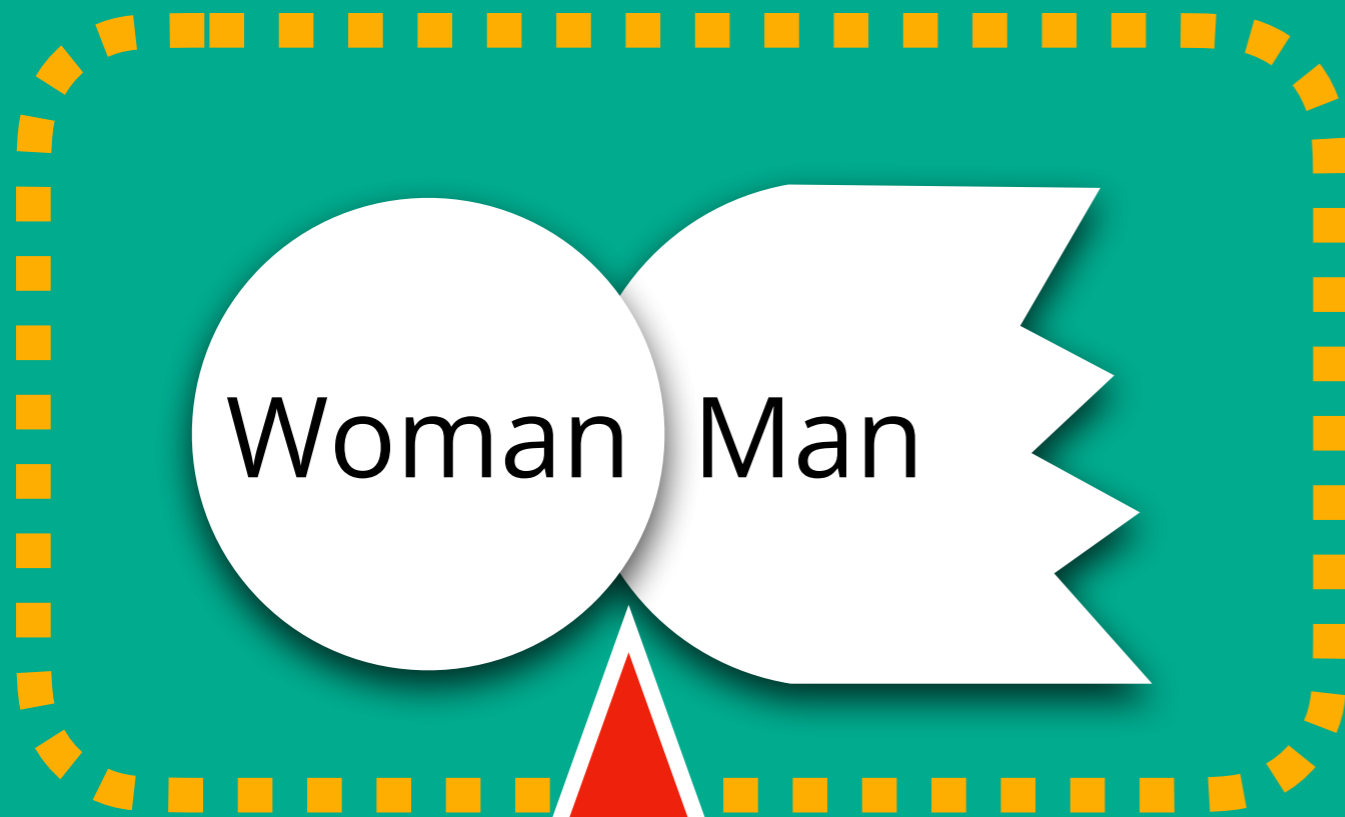
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# Marriage



Adultery



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# The One Exception

Vine's Definition:  
illicit sexual intercourse

Man Woman

Man

Fornication

Man

Woman

Man

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# New Marriage



Woman Man



Woman

Man



Fornication

# Is Jesus' Teaching Extreme?

The disciple thought it was.

Matthew 5:31-32



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Man

Woman

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her

# Marriage

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Adultery

# 1 Corinthians

7:10-11

What should someone  
do who is divorced?



Option #1: Stay single

What should someone  
do who is divorced?

Man Woman

Option #2: Be reconciled

# 1 Corinthians

7:12-16

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who is married to an unbeliever?



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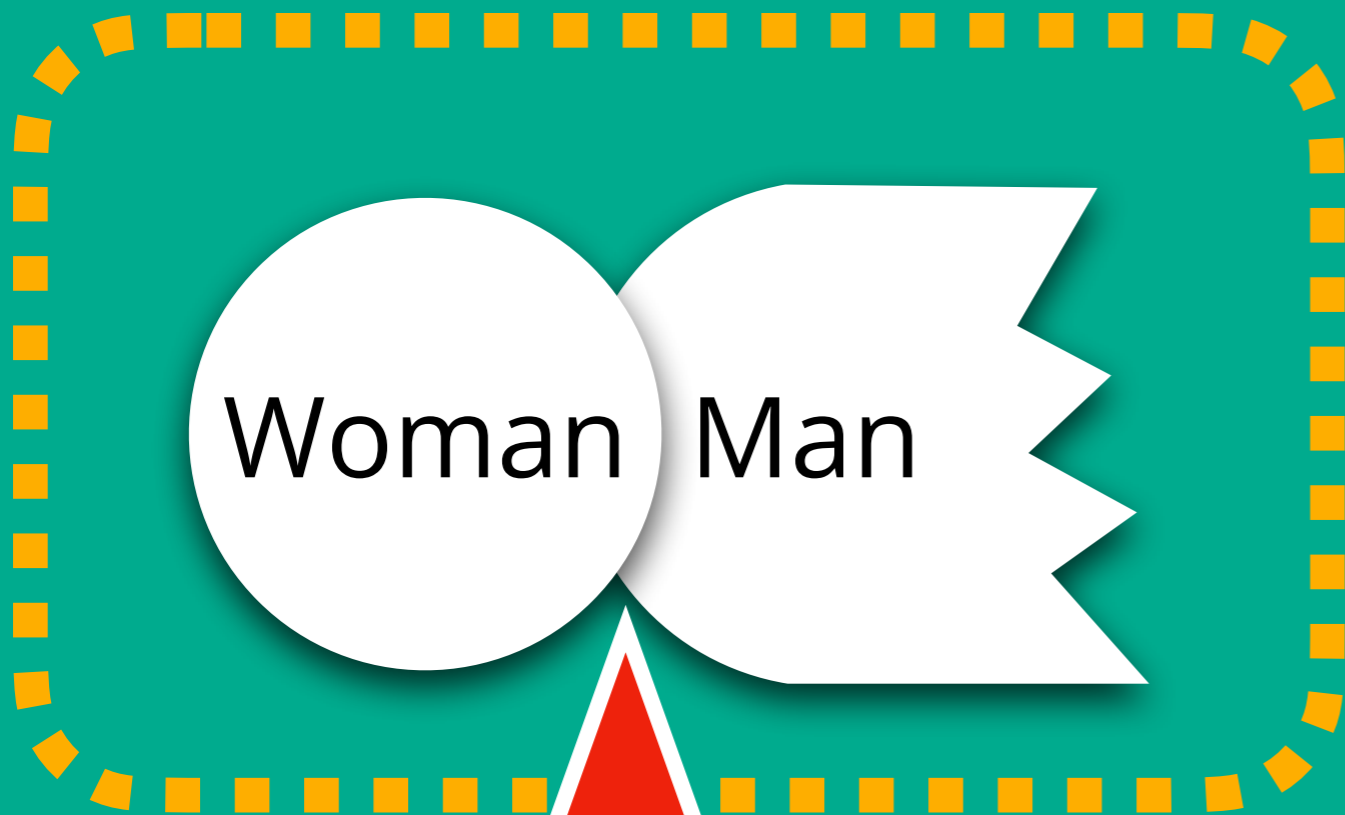


Believer is not "enslaved"

Further Questions

What should  
someone do who is  
divorced for the  
wrong reason and  
remarried?

# Marriage



Adultery

Luke 3:8

Bear fruits in keeping with  
repentance. And do not begin to  
say to yourselves, 'We have  
Abraham as our father.'

Does this apply to  
non-Christians?

Luke 19:8

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor.

And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold."



Are there other reasons for divorce such as violence, addictions, etc.?

## Acts 22:24-25

The tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?"

The Point  
of All This

“What God has  
joined together  
let not man separate.”