

The Christian and Divorce – Part 2

What does God think about divorce?

Four reasons where divorce is possible

- Ex 21:9-10 - deprives her of food, clothing and conjugal rights
- Deut 24:1 – adultery

... “any thing” clause – twisted scripture –

Matthew 19:3 - Jesus answer to this twisted scripture

1 Cor 7

1 Cor 7:10 - remain married

- v 3-5 - the importance of sex in a marriage relationship.
- v 8 - sex is only for marriage
- v 10 - cannot just leave their marriage.
- v 11 - other significant tensions exist
- v 12-13 - remain married if you can
- v 15 - the non Christian spouse leaves then the Christian is not bound

For us today

Case by case basis

What constitutes adultery?

Who should make the final decision?

- 1 Cor 7:15

not ‘looking for ways out’

- Exodus 21:9-10 – not legalistic but grace

Remarriage

Expected to remarry

“you are free to remarry any Jewish man you wish” - see 1 Cor 7 :39

In 1 Cor 7:15 ... free to remarry.

Bringing it together

For us as a church

Firstly - clear teaching

Secondly, divorce is never good but sometimes it will happen

Thirdly, as a church we have not done well

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Fourthly, seek reconciliation ...

... but sometimes muddy outcomes