

Marriage is a part of God's original design in creation.

The Pharisees said Moses "commanded" divorce, Jesus said Moses "allowed" divorce.

In Christ we are redeemed from the curse of sin to live according to God's good design

Marriage honors God by following the pattern of Jesus' relationship with the church

1. Jesus loves the church
2. Jesus sacrifices for the church
3. Jesus sanctifies the church

Jesus will never leave the church.

God's design for marriage

1. Marriage is a covenant between one man and one woman for life.
2. Marriage demonstrates the gospel through the relationship and roles of husband and wife
3. Marriage is the context for the growth of the family
4. Marriage results in spiritual growth

Application:

1. Consider your motives when you question what God will allow
2. Commit yourself to God's design for marriage before, during, and after
3. Build your life and marriage on the redeeming work of Christ