

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 8-13-25
Matthew Chapter 19 Part 6
Marriage, divorce and remarriage.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We looked at the first-time marriage problems were recorded in the Word. Deut. 24:1-4
 - a) Jesus helped us understand this passage based on things He said in Matthew 19.
 - b) Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of their hearts.
- 2) Jesus confirmed that divorce was man's idea and not God's. Matthew 19:8
- 3) Deut. 24:1-4 – "bill of divorcement." This was the legal protocol.
 - a) This bill was written, then was served, and the person was sent from the home.
- 4) The Bible has more details about divorce than it does about engagement and weddings.
- 5) Were these biblically justified divorces that Moses permitted?
- 6) The Pharisees had missed the seriousness of God's plan and purpose in marriage.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We head back to the New Testament.
 - a) Our first stop, Romans 7.

2. Your new life in Christ. This is a positional truth.

a. Verse 1 –

- 1) What law?
- 2) What was the purpose of the law?
- 3) This chapter is continuing from the discussion in Romans 6. Look at verse 15.
 - a) Do you see two positions here?
 - b) Paul's point – the one who is dead is free from the law.

b. Verse 2 –

- 1) Marriage – until death do you part.
 - a) Paul's point here – death is what sets you free from the law.

c. Verse 3 –

- 1) If both are alive then –
- 2) If one is dead, then –
- 3) Romans 7:4-6 - the application of what Paul has said.

d. Verse 4 –

- 1) "dead to the law by the body of Christ" –
 - a) Think about the contrast here –
- b) Verse 5 -
- 2) As believers, what are we under today?
- 3) Since we are under grace, we "should bring forth fruit unto God." Verse 4.
- 4) We are not without law because we are under grace.
 - a) Romans 8:4 –

e. Verse 6 –

- 1) We were set free so that we might live and serve the One who set us free from death.

f. Summary:

- 1) Do not miss this – when you are born again, the old man dies, and the new man is created in Christ Jesus.
- a) Dead to sin, dead to the law but alive unto Christ.

3. Paul is getting questions about singleness and marriage.

a. Singleness, marriage and purity.

- 1) You will see different statements concerning singleness and marriage.

b. Verse 1 –

- 1) “ye wrote unto me” – What did they ask?
- 2) When Paul states that it is good for a man not to touch a woman there are two important things to understand.
 - a) “touch” can speak of fornication.
 - b) “touch” can speak of cohabitating, living together unmarried.

c. Verse 2 –

- 1) Not every person has the gift of singleness, therefore –
- 2) “Let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.”
 - a) Hebrews 13:4 –
 - b) Physical intimacy between a husband and wife is blessed by God. It was His idea.

d. Verse 3 –

- 1) This is about more than physical intimacy, but physical intimacy is certainly a part of this.
 - a) Both are responsible and accountable.

e. Verse 4 –

- 1) This provides the principle of which verse 3 is based.
 - a) An interesting truth emerges here that many do not know.

f. Verse 5 –

- 1) “Defraud” – to withhold themselves from one another.
- 2) If you are going to withhold yourselves, Paul gives directions here.
- 3) Keep in mind Paul’s caution here as well.

4. Tonight’s Take Away:

- a. What we will see –
- b. Are you seeing what I am seeing?