

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 9-17-25
Matthew Chapter 19 Part 9
Marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We looked at what Paul had to say to the second group concerning marriage and divorce.
 - a) A new circumstance has developed.
- 2) Paul provided a principle here that would apply to either the husband or wife as a believer. Do not leave them is the admonition.
- 3) It is possible that the unbeliever decides they no longer want to remain married.
 - a) Verse 15 – “If the unbelieving depart, let them depart...”
 - b) “a brother or sister is not under bondage in such cases.”
 - c) If this happens then the bonds of marriage are removed.
- 4) Verse 15 – “in such cases” – we may encounter other unique circumstances.
- 5) Verse 16 – a good reminder again to the believer in this situation.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) As we move forward through chapter 7, we find that Paul is providing some real-life wisdom for your new life in Christ and marriage.

2. Paul continues to provide real life wisdom for believers.

a. Verse 17 –

- 1) Paul turns from the questions to exhorting these believers in the same way that he has been teaching in the churches.
- 2) What happens when God creates a life?
 - a) “But as God hath distributed to every man.”
 - b) I think about Psalm 139:14 here.
 - c) On a side note –
- 3) “as the Lord hath called every one” – this is speaking of salvation.
 - a) Implication – God has called everyone to His Son because salvation is in view.
- 4) Each believer has a calling on their life.
 - a) “so let him walk” – in its broadest sense, walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.
 - b) More specifically – rightly discerning how God is calling you, leading you to fulfill the calling He has placed on your life.
- 5) In context here, we are looking at marriage.
 - a) What is the calling of the husband? Love your wives as Christ loved the Church.
 - b) What is the calling of the wife? See that you reverence your husband.
 - c) Apart from the Spirit of God you cannot accomplish this.
- 6) How important is this?
 - a) Are you modeling God’s plan and purpose in such a way that if a young couple imitated your marriage, they would have a solid marriage?
- 7) As a teen or single, God is using the situations and circumstances in this life to teach you, mold you and mature you. Why?
 - a) God is preparing you for what He has for you and in this context, that could be marriage.
 - b) Not just marriage, there may be other things that God has in store for you.
- 8) “So let them walk” – let each one conduct themselves in a way that reflects Jesus.

b.Verse 18 –

- 1)His audience in that of Jew and Gentile.

c.Verse 19 –

- 1)There was a time when this was required but now it is not required.
- 2)This was an external rite that did not necessarily change the heart.

d.Verse 20 –

- 1)Paul is restating verse 17.
- 2)“abide in the same calling wherein he was called.”
 - a)New creation living as a new creation. CHANGE!
- 3)This prompts us to ask ourselves an important question.
 - a)Am I in the center of God’s will for this life He has given me?

e.Verse 21 –

- 1)If as a slave there comes the chance to be free, then use it. If as a slave you do not have the chance to be set free, then use it.

f.Verse 22 –

- 1)A unique contrast here.
 - a)“he that is called in the Lord” – Jesus calling people to faith.
 - b)“freeman” – a former slave who has been set free.
- 2)Verse 23 –
 - a)“Ye are bought with a price” –
 - b)“be not ye the servants of men” – do not give yourself wholly to another man’s will.

g.Verse 24 –

- 1)“called” – as a new creation in Christ, enjoy the blessings of the heavenly kingdom.
- 2)What do we enjoy today as believer because we are in Christ?
- 3)To “abide” – to continue in.

3.Tonight’s Take Away:

a.Are you in the center of God’s will for this life he has given you?

b.Husbands and wives:

- 1)Husbands – are you loving your wife as Christ loved the Church?
- 2)Wives – are you showing reverence and respect to your husbands?

c.Singles:

- 1)Keep your eyes on -