

DIVORCE

- [Malachi 2:16](#) says that God _____.
- [Matthew 19:9](#) gives a _____ for divorce.

Deuteronomy 24:1: When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she find no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, that he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house ...

Two Schools of Thought

- *she finds no favor*
- *found some indecency*
- Rabbi Hillel
- Rabbi Shammai
- Divorce is unrestricted
- Divorce is restricted

Matthew 19:4-9:

(v.4) Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, (v.5) and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"? (v.6) So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate. (v.7) They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?" (v.8) He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been this way. (v.9) And I say to you, "Whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Divorce should be a regrettable _____ resort,
not a _____ resort.

- [1st Corinthians 7:10-15](#) talks about divorce because of _____.

Paul's advice from the Lord regarding an **unequally yoked** marriage is:

1. If you are in such a marriage, _____ in the marriage if at all possible (7:14).
2. If the unbelieving spouse want to _____ let him or her _____ (7:15).

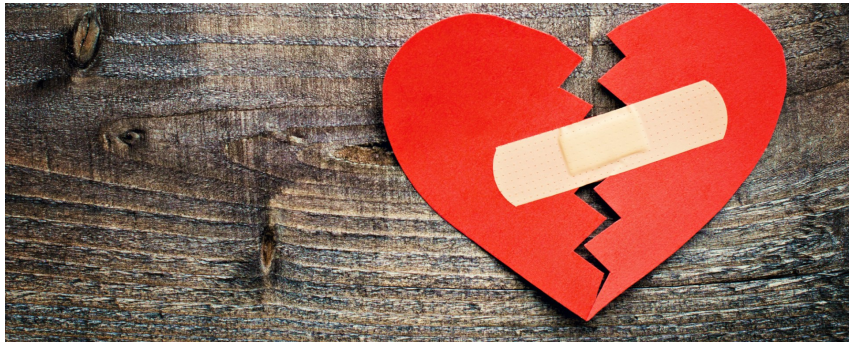
APPLICATION

1. Marriage is a gift from God and should be _____ -- if possible.
2. Divorce is allowed by God because of our _____.
3. Christians should not hold each other _____ in a failed marriage just because they are Christians.
4. It is not our place to _____ or _____ those who have been divorced.

5. We believe God does have a _____ for those who are divorced.

6. We believe divorced people can have _____ positions in our church.

7. God is calling us as a church to be a _____ for those going through the pain of divorce.



MARRIAGE & DIVORCE

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MARRIAGE

1. Marriage is a _____ from God.

2. Marriage is designed by God to be between a _____ and a _____ (Genesis 2:24).

3. Marriage is a gift from God but is subject to human _____.

4. God allows for _____, but it is not God's preferred choice.