

“Remarriage: God's Ideal”
Romans 7:1-3; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16, 39-40

I. EXAMPLE: “married woman is bound” (Rom. 7:1-3)

A. Control: “bound by law to her husband” (vv.1-2)

1. Demanded: “the law has jurisdiction” (v.1)
2. Discharged: “if her husband dies...released” (v.2)

B. Conclusion: “So then, if...but if...” (v.3)

1. Liable: “husband is living...adulteress” (v.3a)
2. Liberated: “husband dies...not an adulteress” (v.3b)

II. EXEMPTION: “not under bondage” (1 Cor. 7:10-16)

A. Equal: “not leave...not send” (vv.10-11)

1. Charge: “I give instructions...the Lord” (v.10a)
2. Commands: “wife/not leave...husband/not send” (vv.10b-11)

B. Unequal: “not send...away” (vv.12-16)

1. Sanctified: “unbeliever...consents to live” (vv.12-14)
2. Separated: “unbelieving one leaves” (vv.15-16)

III. EXPLANATION: “wife is bound” (1 Cor. 7:39-40)

A. Obligation: “bound/lives...free/dead” (v.39)

1. Liable: “bound as long as her husband lives” (v.39a)
2. Liberated: “husband is dead...free to be married” (v.39b)

B. Opinion: “happier if she remains as she is” (v.40)