



DIVORCE NOT
ALWAYS
WRONG
(OBJECTIONS
ANSWERED)

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**Malachi 2:16 For the LORD,
the God of Israel, saith that
he hateth putting away...**

Malachi 2:11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

**Matthew 5:32 But I say unto you, That
whosoever shall put away his wife,
saving for the cause of fornication,
causeth her to commit adultery: and
whosoever shall marry her that is
divorced committeth adultery.**

Deuteronomy 24:1 When a man hath **taken a wife, and married her**, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

**2 And when she is
departed out of his
house, she may go and
be another man's wife.**

3 And if the latter husband hate her,
and write her a bill of divorcement, and
giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her
out of his house; or if the latter
husband die, which took her to
be his wife;

TERTULLIAN (d. 230):

"Since, therefore, His prohibition of divorce was a conditional one, He did not prohibit absolutely; and what He did not absolutely forbid, that He permitted on some occasions..."

TERTULLIAN (d. 230):

"Well, then, what is a husband to do in your sect [Marcion], if his wife commit adultery? Shall he keep her?...Divorce, therefore, when justly deserved, has even in Christ defender."

LACTANTIUS (d. 320):

"On this account He has commanded that the wife shall not be put away unless convicted of adultery, and that the bond of the conjugal compact shall never be dissolved, unless unfaithfulness have broken it..."

LUTHER (1522):

"...Christ is making it quite clear that he who divorces his wife on account of unchastity and then marries another does not commit adultery..."

THOMAS BECON (1567):

"Christ also by His holy apostle giveth liberty to the faithful man or woman...to marry again....Antichrist will by no means suffer any divorcement so to be made..."

"Adultery or fornication committed after a contract, being detected before marriage, gives just occasion to the innocent party to dissolve that contract. In the case of adultery after marriage, it is lawful for the innocent party to sue out a divorce and, after the divorce, to marry another, as if the offending party were dead."

(Westminster Confession of 1646)

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Ezekiel 16:8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I...**entered into a covenant with thee**, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and **pouredst out thy fornications** on every one that passed by; his it was.

EPISTLE OF CLEMENT TO JAMES:

"Wherefore above all things be careful about chastity; for fornication has been marked out as a bitter thing in the estimation of God.

But **there are many forms of fornication**, as also Clement himself will explain to you. **The first is adultery...**"

CYPRIAN (d. 258):

"Christ gave this judgment when, being inquired of, He said that a wife must not be put away, save for the cause of **adultery**; such honour did He put upon chastity... Hence the apostle says: 'This is the will of God, that ye abstain **from fornication**'..."

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

"For to abstain from fornication is the will of God. And by it is meant all unchasteness, either of persons married or unmarried..."

(Poole)

Adultery:

"2. In a scriptural sense, all manner of lewdness or unchastity, as in the seventh commandment."

(Webster's, 1828)

Fornication:

**"Adultery. Matt. 5....Incest.
1Cor. 5."**

(Webster's, 1828)

Adultery:

**"Any lewdness or unchastity..."
(Standard Dictionary, 1895)**

Fornication:

**"In Scriptural use, often adultery, or harlotry, or incest..."
(Standard Dictionary, 1895)**

Adultery:

**"Extended in Scripture, to
unchastity generally..."**

(Oxford English Dictionary)

Fornication:

"In Scripture, extended to adultery..."

(Oxford English Dictionary)

Genesis 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, **and every tree**, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; **to you it shall be for meat.**

2 Chronicles 21:11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused **the inhabitants** of Jerusalem **to commit fornication**, and compelled Judah thereto.

Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and **from fornication**, and from things strangled, and from blood.

**Numbers 25:1 And Israel abode
in Shittim, and the people began
to **commit whoredom** with the
daughters of Moab.**

**1 Corinthians 10:8 Neither let us
commit fornication, as some of
them committed, and
fell in one day three and twenty
thousand.**

1 Corinthians 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, **it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him.**

2 Thessalonians 3:2 And that we may be delivered from **unreasonable** and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

Romans 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is **bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth**; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress...

Leviticus 20:10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Jeremiah 3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.