

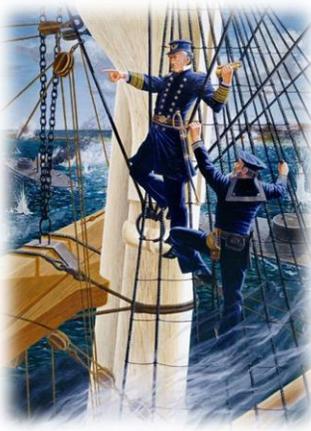
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Divorce and Remarriage – Part 1

I. Introduction:

There is a lot of Bible error when it comes to this topic. It is generated by literally hundreds of millions of so-called “Christians” that **d e s p e r a t e l y** desire to break, forget and obliterate their solemn oath to God (that they freely entered into), including to



devote and love their husband or wife “for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.”

These millions of people for centuries, dating back to the Jews and before, desperately want an easy and simple way out of a marriage they no longer desire – “damn be their marriage vows, full speed ahead.” This is a slightly altered quote. Rear Admiral David Farragut (one of the greatest U.S. naval commanders in history) at the Battle of Mobile Bay in the Civil War (August, 1864) said as he steamed into certain death at Mobile Bay, as he faced a Confederate mine field, war ships and three forts protecting the bay “Damn be the torpedoes, full speed ahead.” Those seeking divorce and remarriage say the same to God “damn be God, full speed ahead.”

Like an old car that is no longer the sharpest and best model in the showroom with the most features, they want a redo, to trade in the old model and send it to the scrapyards for a new shinier one. Millions of people in this scenario have put enormous pressure on Moses and the pastors of these Christian churches for millennia to fix a problem that God closed the door on. Mal. 2:16 *For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*

Scores of social scientists (falsely so-called) have written oceans of words and done dozens of “studies” to justify cheating/breaking their marriage vows.

They seek with all of their life force and soul to divorce their husband/wife (who they have now grown tired of) and cut all ties with them, including financial, emotional, physical and spiritual. This is the Henry the VIII problem! In 1517 Martin Luther published his “95 Theses” attacking the Catholic Church’s corrupt practice of selling “indulgences”

to absolve sin. Luther tacked it to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church. Guess who personally took it upon himself to repudiate the arguments of Luther? Henry the VIII. He called Luther “a venomous serpent, a pernicious plague, an infernal wolf, an infectious soul, a detestable trumpeter of pride, calumnies and schism, having an execrable mind, a filthy tongue, a detestable touch, and stuffed with venom.” For this act, Pope Leo X awarded Henry the VIII with the high and lofty title of *Fidei Defensor*, or “Defender of the Faith.” A decade later, Henry has a problem. “Houston, we have a problem.” Henry now hates Catherine of Aragon, his first wife and the wife of his youth and desperately wants to marry Anne Boleyn (whose sister Mary, he had previously had an adulterous affair with). So, what does Henry do? He starts his own church. He creates the Church of England (also known as the Anglican or Episcopalian Church), declares himself the head, issues the divorce, and Anne Boleyn is crowned Queen of England in a lavish ceremony. Now a days, the oath breakers just request the civil government to dissolve the solemn, spiritual oath they took to God. And, when that is accomplished, they cover that crime with a garment (or a piece of paper and a lot of justifying words) and take up with a new partner and do it all over again, as many times as is necessary.

II. Faulty Biblical Arguments for Divorce and Remarriage:

Divorce/Remarriage Faulty Argument 1 (from a letter I received)

Mat. 19:9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. “Clearly a husband or wife that has suffered from their spouse’s cheating can remarry. The original word used here (fornication) is “porneia,” which goes beyond just fornication to sexual immorality more broadly. 1 Cor. 7:15 *But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.* This verse clearly indicates that when a Christian is abandoned by their unbelieving spouse they can remarry.”

Divorce/Remarriage Faulty Argument 2 (Church 1)

“God hates divorce. He hates it because it always involves unfaithfulness to the solemn covenant of marriage that two partners have entered into before Him, and because it brings harmful consequences to those partners and their children (Mal. 2:14-16). Divorce in the Scripture is permitted only because of man’s sin. Since divorce is only a concession to man’s sin and is not part of God’s original plan for marriage, all believers should hate divorce as God does ***and pursue it only when there is no other recourse.*** The only New Testament grounds for divorce are: [1] sexual sin or [2] desertion by an unbeliever. The first is found in Jesus’ use of the Greek word “porneia” [Strong’s 4202] (Matt. 5:32; 19:9) [the word in the Bible is “fornication” - premarital sex – not adultery]. This is a general term that encompasses sexual sin such as adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, and incest. When one partner violates the unity and intimacy of a marriage by sexual sin—and forsakes his or her covenant obligation—the faithful partner is placed in an extremely difficult situation. After all means are exhausted to bring the sinning partner to repentance, the Bible permits release for the faithful partner through divorce (Matt. 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*). 1 Cor. 7:15 [*But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.*] The second reason for permitting a divorce is in cases where an unbelieving mate does not desire to live with his or her believing spouse (1 Cor. 7:12-15). Because “God has called us to peace” (v. 15), divorce is allowed and may be preferable in such situations. When an unbeliever desires to leave, trying to keep him or her in the marriage may only create greater tension and conflict. Also, if the unbeliever leaves the marital relationship permanently but is not willing to file for divorce, perhaps because of lifestyle, irresponsibility, or to avoid monetary obligations, then the believer is in an impossible situation of having legal and moral obligations that he or she cannot fulfill. Because “the brother or sister is not under bondage in such cases” (1 Cor. 7:15) and is therefore no longer obligated to remain married, the believer may file for divorce without fearing the displeasure of God. Remarriage is permitted for the faithful partner only when the divorce was on biblical grounds. In fact, the purpose for a biblical divorce is to make clear that

the faithful partner is free to remarry, but only in the Lord (Rom. 7:1-3; [Note: This is the text of the verses he cites. You can see that it does not support his lying position. *For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.*] 1 Cor. 7:39 [Note: Again, here is the text which does not support divorce and remarriage! *The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. He continues:*] In cases where divorce took place on unbiblical grounds and the guilty partner later repents, the grace of God is operative at the point of repentance. A sign of true repentance will be a desire to implement 1 Corinthians 7:10-11, which would involve a willingness to pursue reconciliation with his or her former spouse, if that is possible. If reconciliation is not possible, however, because the former spouse is an unbeliever or is remarried, then the forgiven believer could pursue another relationship under the careful guidance and counsel of church leadership.” **WHAT?!!** 😞

Divorce and Remarriage Faulty Argument 3 (Church 2)

“An annulment is a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic church court) that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. The annulment process is frequently misunderstood. “Annulment” is an unfortunate word that is sometimes used to refer to a Catholic “declaration of nullity.”... Actually, nothing is made null through the process. [In a legal annulment at law (civil annulment) the marriage is treated as though it never took place, and takes place close in time to the marriage such as the parties lacked capacity – they were drunk, or under the age of majority or there was fraud involved. You don’t typically annul a marriage in law after more than a few months and certainly typically not after years]. Rather, a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court) declares that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. For a Catholic marriage to be valid, it is required that: (1) the spouses are

free to marry; (2) they are capable of giving their consent to marry; (3) they freely exchange their consent; (4) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; (5) they intend the good of each other; and (6) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister. If the tribunal decides in favor of the nullity of the marriage, the parties are then free to marry in the Catholic Church, unless an appeal of the decision is lodged or the decision includes a prohibition against one or both of the parties marrying until certain underlying issues have been resolved (see Code of Canon Law, 1682.1)."

III. Adultery & The God of Judgment:

*Jer. 7:3 Thus saith the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings... (i.e. repent!) 4 Trust ye not in lying words (of false prophets), saying, **The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, ...** 9 Will ye steal, murder, **and commit adultery**, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; 10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?*

Whenever you see "the LORD of hosts" in the Bible you should sit up and take notice. **This is the warring arm of the Godhead.** You know vengeance and judgment is coming. The nuclear war heads are armed. The stealth bombers are fueled, the bombs are loaded, and the flight plans filed. Rom. 12:19 *Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.* This is the Lord of all the armies of heaven and earth and all creation. This is the God of all warfare. He has legions of angels to call upon to do His bidding every moment of every day and He is angry. You should hearken unto Him and hear His words. De. 32:4 *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: **for all His ways are judgment.*** Ec. 12:14 **For God shall bring every work into judgment.** Mal 2:17 *Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, **Where is the God of judgment?*** I am citing this verse here because it supports my proposition that God is a God of judgment, not because the subject matter of Mal. 2:17 is adultery (I got a two-fer here). Listen, authors of Divorce/Remarriage Faulty Arguments 1, 2, and 3 - *Ye have wearied the LORD*

with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them.

The Lord of Hosts says: *Amend your ways and your doings.... (STOP what you are doing now and immediately repent and correct your behavior!). Trust ye not in lying words, [that is, trust not in the lying words of the false prophets] saying, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.*

Don't be fooled into thinking that the false prophets, with their cavalier approval of rank



sin are going to be seen as acceptable to God. They. Are. Not. God (Shirl says – NOT ME, but for sure God) knows the difference between good, ripe, delicious, sweet, juicy figs and moldy, disgusting, putrid, disease-ridden, maggot-infested, naughty figs that will make you instantly vomit (see Jer. 24). Don't you think for a moment that the 400,000 churches in this country, that claim the name of Christ are actually Holy/godly. They. Are. Not. Yes,

they claim His name, but it is a fraudulent claim. Will ye *come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, we are delivered to do all these abominations* (Jer. 7:10)?



The Lord knows the difference between obedience to His commandments and His ways and rank rebellion. The aurora of religion with great and swelling words with no action will not do (James 1:23 – you must be a doer and not just a hearer of God’s word). And, do not think for a millisecond that these religious buildings (the temple) are going to save you. This is the plainest church house I have ever been in. I love this little church because it is plain. It is NOT about the building; NO! It IS about obedience to God. The Catholics seem to believe that the Sistine Chapel is going to save them. It will not. They believe that St. Peter’s Basilica is holy, special, righteous, and godly. It is not. They believe there is magic in the Vatican. There is not. They are buildings made with hands (Acts 7:48 *Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with*

*hands; as saith the prophet, 49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?) and they were built on a 1,000 plus years of murder (Spanish Inquisition among other awful crimes), extortion (selling indulgences), fornication, sodomy, and rape. I remind you of Notre Dame’s fire last year. God Almighty will cast down every last one of those idols. Le 26:30 *And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. Eze 6:4 *And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.***



Nearly all churches mistakenly believe that a beautiful building makes you holy. It does not. When God says *Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD* - he (God Almighty, Jehovah) is saying that the Jews would come to Solomon's Temple and hypocritically worship him there with lying and deceitful words/deeds/actions which He didn't

want and He didn't ask for. They put their traditions above His Word. They elevated rote tasks over obedience.



All manner of sin and wickedness were committed at the Temple and such sinful behavior was winked at and approved by the priests at the temple of God and God took no pleasure in them. Some say "the temple of the lord" is repeated three times, because the Jews appeared before God at the temple three times during the year. I think it is said three times, because of how often they use the temple to cover up their sin. God is saying "Don't talk to me about coming to the temple to worship me and sacrifice and all the other rote forms of religion when... "ye steal, murder, and **commit adultery**, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; 10 And come and stand before me in this house [that is, the temple of God], which is called by my

*name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Jer. 7:9-10 Get out! God takes no pleasure in those things. Don't talk to God about the temple of the Lord and buildings when you are doing all of these things to enrage him. The Jews wrongly believed that the temple – where God put His name, would never be destroyed, just like they thought the ark was a weapon. The “weapon” is obedience to God. Ceremony will never take the place of holiness. Bring forth fruit meet for repentance – not your fake priests, with rebellion clothed in vestures of religiosity and architecture. They as much as said “we do well because we have the temple of the Lord among us.” This is rank idolatry. It is a corrupt and earthy, form of godliness. Yet, most of the churches of our day have bought into this same Satanic lie. Put your effort into obedience to God and not buildings, trappings, and traditions. Jer. 23:14 *I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. Jer. 29:22-23 *The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD.***

IV. Marriage:

The doctrine of marriage begins at the Creation and it is no small subject. Marriage is woven in as a fundamental part of God's design at the beginning. Genesis 2 is the 7th day of creation, where God rests from His work. At Genesis 2:24 we come to marriage. *Gen. 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.** 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.* The meaning is that this man and this woman will now be one – one flesh for life. You had two and now you have one, for the rest of their lives. It is as if this man and this woman were molded and glued together. They are now one person, and one body and now you can no longer distinguish

the two separate people. Verse 25 says they were not ashamed at their nakedness and the discussion closes. That's it. This matter is complete. There is nothing more God wants to say here. If God wanted to provide for divorce, he would have done it here – at the Creation. He could have had any coupling and any arrangement, but he did not! Malachi addresses this finality: Mal 2:15 *And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. [He had all the power of creation here to do what he wanted.] And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed.* God Almighty instituted marriage Himself by Divine authority. GOD THE FATHER MADE NO PROVISION FOR DIVORCE. Period. This is the sacred standard for all mankind for all succeeding ages and millennia. God institutes this as the law of nature. And, when this standard was instituted it was before the flood and they were marrying for far longer than 50-70 years like now. Marriages were for hundreds and hundreds of years. There is no provision for divorce in Genesis. Those who embark on marriage should understand its importance in Creation and the weighty responsibility that is being contracted for.

V. Divorce:

Mat. 19:3 *The **Pharisees** [Jewish sect] also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4 And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read, [can't you read!] that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication [the Holy Spirit used "fornication" here – premarital sex], and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. 10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.***

This reminds me of Balaam. King Balak of Midian sent princes to Balaam for the purpose of hiring Balaam to curse Israel. God comes unto Balaam and says in Numbers 22:12: *And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for*

they are blessed. That answer is from God himself. It is unambiguous and crystal clear. There is no room for debate or conjecture. This is divine communication by God the Father. Balaam sends them packing and then King Balak takes another run and sends even more honorable princes, with even more money to buy Balaam. You can almost see Balaam drooling at the mouth for this money. The love of money is the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:10). *18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.* What are you doing Balaam? What more do you need? You have the answer from God. You don't need to bother God with this. This was asked and answered. Now, you are tempting God. That is exactly what you do when you go beyond: 1) *they are no more twain, but one flesh;* 2) *what therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder;* and 3) *Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*



The false prophets read this exchange and all they can think about is the loophole!!!!!! If we can wrest the word “fornication” to mean adultery we can divorce and then we can wrest another piece of scripture and we can remarry.

Christ is talking to Jews and referencing the Jewish Law regarding a woman that fraudulently commits **fornication** (premarital sex) before the marriage. This is clear and plain on the face of the verse – it is talking about premarital sex. This situation is covered in Deuteronomy where a woman has represented herself as being a virgin and on the wedding night at the marriage bed she does not have tokens of virginity. That is what Christ is talking about in Mat. 19:3 (and Mat. 5:32).

De 22:13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, 14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: 15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: 16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; 17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. 18

And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; 19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. 20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: 21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

The Pharisees said *“Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife?”* The Pharisees are tempting Christ. They knew He was against divorce already because he declared it earlier – *Mat. 5:27 - Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.* [Right here, you know, the standard in the New Testament is harder than the Law, Christ says if you even look on a woman and lust after her, you have committed adultery with her in your heart – the standard is tougher not easier]. *29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell 31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 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.]*

The Pharisees were hoping to catch Christ in His words. If he said like before, that he was against divorce they would try and use this against him before the people, to discredit him and cut into his popularity. The Pharisees knew that divorce was the common practice and wildly popular among the people and a certain number of them would not take kindly to Christ railing against their favorite sin. They were hoping His answer would cause the people to lose affection and admiration for Him and they would turn on Him and hate Him. The Pharisees also wanted to argue that Christ was against and contrary to the Law of Moses.

Christ makes four compelling arguments against divorce:

1) The creation of Adam and Eve. Eve was taken from a rib out of Adam's side. How could Adam put her away, since she came out of him? This conflicts with creation itself. She and she alone was his help meet.

2) The law of marriage is that a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife. Can you divorce your father and mother? No, and this bond is greater than that bond.

3) They twain shall be one flesh. They are one and now are inseparable. When you have children, it represents pieces of you, but your wife is yourself. This is a reason why husbands should love their wives and not put them away. What man ever yet hated his own flesh, or cut it off, but nourishes and cherishes it, and does all he can to preserve it (Eph. 5:25-32).

4) Christ tells them that Moses only permitted divorce because of the hardness and deceit of their own hearts. Our generation today wants to divorce their spouses because of the hardness of their hearts! They are hardened against God and hardened against Christ. They have no intention of following the commandment - Thou shalt not commit adultery (Ex. 20:14). They have insatiable appetites and will not allow God or anyone damper their desire and liberty of promiscuity. Sex, drugs and rock and roll and sex is first in order for a reason. You just thought this was the first Tinder generation of hook ups and one night stands.

Mt 12:39 *But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:***

Mt 16:4 *A wicked and **adulterous generation** seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.*

Mr 8:38 *Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this **adulterous and sinful generation;** of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*

It is a hard generation that puts away flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. The Jews were infamous for putting away their spouses, just like this generation. They insisted on the liberty of divorce!

Mt 19:10 *His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.*

Some of Christ's disciples bought the argument of the Pharisees. They said if this is true, and you can't divorce for any reason, then it is better not to marry at all. God forbid. If I can't have it the way and manner that I want it, then, I will throw it all out – "the baby with the bathwater." It is a childish argument that.

Mat 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.*

At best, even if you reach the wrong conclusion that you can divorce a spouse for any sexual misconduct ("fornication"), Mat. 5 and Mat. 19 NEVER SAY YOU CAN REMARRY. PERIOD. Jesus at no time gave a divorce precept with the right to marry another. Mat. 5:32 ...and whosever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. The endgame has never been about the ability to simply divorce a spouse, the endgame is to remarry whomever I wish, whenever I wish and however many times I big fat please!

The Mark account does not include the loophole. Mark 10:2 *And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. 3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? 4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. 5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; 8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. 11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. 12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.* No language about for the cause of fornication is mentioned.

And, the language in Luke also, does not contain any such language. Luke 16:18 *Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.* This language could not be more clear, if you marry a man or woman that has been married previously, you commit the sin of adultery every time you have relations with them. The language here does not say that if you marry and divorce and repent then you can remarry and you are not an adulterer any longer. It says the opposite. And, it is put in the active

present tense “***whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.***” Every night that you have sex with that person not your spouse, is a new act of adultery. The Lord has blinded this generation with their own lust so they cannot see the truth.

Rom 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: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

When Paul speaks to marriage in Romans he makes no provision for the so-called loophole. The rule is clear here, that if a woman is married she is married to her husband for her lifetime and if she marries another, she is an adulteress.

Heb 13:4 Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will Judge.

1 Cor 7:27 (a) *Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed...* Stop posturing and cooking up schemes to get rid of your wife or husband. Do not depart from her, do not seek to divorce her, nor even desire to be loosed by death. I have watch hundreds of *Datelines* over its 20+ year run and 95% of the time the show is about a married couple and one is dead in some awful gruesome, bloody way and it was the other spouse or ex-spouse that did it. Stop it. 1 Cor. 7:27 (b) *Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.* If you did it anyway and divorced your wife or husband, do not seek another. Stop it. No divorce and remarriage. You do not get much plainer than that.

I love you. Amen.

Lord's Supper Sermon For May 31, 2020

We will now conduct the Lord's Supper.

What is the most precious substance in the universe? I said the blood of Christ. One of my loved ones says it is the Word of God.

John: 19:16 *Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. 17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst... 29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. 31 ¶ The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: **34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.** 35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 37 And again another scripture saith, **They shall look on him whom they pierced.***



The Romans used a spear called a **pilum (pee-lum)**. We might call it a javelin. It was about 2 meters long (6 ft 7 in) and included an iron shank about 7 millimeters (0.28 in) in diameter and 60 centimeters (24 in) long with a pyramidal head. The pilum is a unique weapon. It was designed as an anti-shield and anti-armor weapon. The pilum's 2-foot long shank is designed to penetrate an opponent's shield, so as to strike the opponent. The pilum is also designed to go straight through a person. Once the head penetrates anything, the shank will slide right through whatever it is

penetrating with very little friction. The head is a pyramid so once it goes through whatever it penetrates - when you pull it out, the head either gets stuck or in the case of flesh it rips the flesh out. In any case, the pilum's head does not pull out easily.

The Roman pilum would have easily gone through Jesus probably 18 to 24 inches. A pilum in the hands of a skilled Roman soldier was deadly. The soldier would have violently thrust the pilum up through Christ's side and through His heart. This



was a big wound. If Jesus would not have been dead already, he would surely have died from this wound alone. The wound was inflicted to ensure that Christ had just not fainted. The wound was large enough for Thomas to stick his hand into Christ. John 20:27 *Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; **and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.*** It does not say how much blood came out, but the average adult has about 1.2 to

1.5 gallons. It surely would have been a bloody mess.

Gill says: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side - *this the soldier did, partly out of spite to Christ, and partly to know whether he was really dead; and which was so ordered by divine providence, that it might beyond all doubt appear that he really died, and was not taken down alive from the cross; so that there might be no room to call in question the truth of his resurrection, when he should appear alive again.*

and forthwith came there out blood and water - *this is accounted for in a natural way by the piercing of the pericardium, which contains a small quantity of water about the heart, and which being pierced, a person, if alive, must inevitably die; (NOTE: The following turn into the supernatural by Gill is speculation.) but it seems rather to be something supernatural, from the asseverations the evangelist makes. This water and blood some make to signify baptism and the Lord's supper, which are both of Christ's appointing, and spring from him, and refer to his sufferings and death; rather they signify the blessings of sanctification and justification, the grace of the one being represented by water, as it frequently is in the Old and New Testament, and the other by blood, and both from Christ: that Christ was the antitype of the rock in the wilderness, the apostle assures us, in #1Co 10:4 (And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ).*

Nu. 20:10 *And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. 12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. 13 This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.*

Barnes - *The point of the spear also reached one of the ventricles of the heart, and the blood, yet warm, rushed forth, either mingled with or followed by the water of the pericardium, so as to appear to John to be blood and water flowing together. This was a natural effect, and would follow in any other case. Commentators have almost uniformly supposed that this was significant; as, for example, that the blood was an emblem of the eucharist, and the water of baptism, or that the blood denoted justification, and the water sanctification; but that this was the design there*

is not the slightest evidence. It was strictly a natural result, adduced by John to establish one fact on which the whole of Christianity turns — that he was truly dead. On this depends the doctrine of the atonement, of his resurrection, and all the prominent doctrines of religion. This fact it was of importance to prove, that it might not be pretended that he had only suffered a syncope, or had fainted.

Mat. 27:25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

*Re 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which **pierced** him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

*Psalm 22:11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. 13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: **they pierced my hands and my feet.** 17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. 19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.*

Mat. 23: 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? 34 ¶ Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

*35 **That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.** 36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as*

a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Re 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Re 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Re 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Re 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Re 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Re 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Re 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Re 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev. 16: 4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.