



1. JESUS REVERSED MOSES IN MATTHEW 19:3-10

MOSES, IN DEUTERONOMY 24:1-2, ONLY PLACED RESTRICTIONS ON ALREADY RAMPANT DIVORCE IN ISRAEL. BUT IT WAS NEVER GOD'S IDEAL.

JESUS, WHEN HE INSTITUTED HIS NEW COVENANT, RIGHTED THE SHIP.



2. JESUS SAID DIVORCE CAN ONLY BE "FOR SEXUAL IMMORALITY" (PORNEUŌ)

A WOMAN MAY BE TEMPTED TO DIVORCE HER HUSBAND, WAIT FOR HIM TO EVENTUALLY COMMIT FORNICATION, AND THEN FEEL "FREE" TO REMARRY. YET, JESUS TAUGHT THAT PUTTING AWAY MUST BE FOR FORNICATION.



3. NOT EVERYONE IS A CANDIDATE FOR MARRIAGE

"EVERYONE WHO DIVORCES HIS WIFE AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY, AND HE WHO MARRIES A WOMAN DIVORCED FROM HER HUSBAND COMMITS ADULTERY."

(LUKE 16:18, ESV)



4. THESE LAWS ARE APPLICABLE TO BOTH GENDERS EQUALLY

"AND HE SAID TO THEM, 'WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS WIFE AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY AGAINST HER, AND IF SHE DIVORCES HER HUSBAND AND MARRIES ANOTHER, SHE COMMITS ADULTERY.'" (MARK 10:11-12, ESV)



5. "ADULTERY OF THE HEART" DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE FORNICATION IN MATTHEW 19:9

CAN A WIFE DIVORCE AND REMARRY SIMPLY BECAUSE HER HUSBAND USES PORNOGRAPHY? NO. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE "ADULTERY OF THE HEART" (MATTHEW 5:28) AND PHYSICAL FORNICATION.



6. JESUS OFFERED AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE OF LIFETIME MARRIAGE

ONE EXCEPTION, AND ONE EXCEPTION ONLY.



7. THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A MARRIAGE WHICH IS NOT GOD-APPROVED

“...EXCEPT FOR SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY” (MATTHEW 19:9). “WHOEVER DIVORCES HIS WIFE AND MARRIES ANOTHER COMMITS ADULTERY AGAINST HER, AND IF SHE DIVORCES HER HUSBAND AND MARRIES ANOTHER, SHE COMMITS ADULTERY” (MARK 10:11-12).



8. A PERSON CAN “LIVE” IN FORNICATION/ADULTERY

“PUT TO DEATH THEREFORE WHAT IS EARTHLY IN YOU: SEXUAL IMMORALITY (PORNEIA), IMPURITY, PASSION, [...] IN THESE YOU TOO ONCE WALKED, WHEN YOU WERE LIVING IN THEM.” (COLOSSIANS 3:5-7, ESV)
SEE ALSO ROMANS 7:2-3



9. PAUL DIDN'T CONTRADICT JESUS IN 1 CORINTHIANS 7:15

THE MEANING OF THIS TEXT IS THAT A WOMAN IS A SLAVE OF CHRIST (CF. ROM. 1:1; 2 PET. 1:1; JUDE 1), NOT A SLAVE TO HER UNBELIEVING HUSBAND. IF SHE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN HER HUSBAND'S WILL AND GOD'S WILL, SHE IS “NOT UNDER BONDAGE” TO HER HUSBAND.

