

**Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage Objections**  
**(Making & Breaking the Marriage Bond; part 2)**  
**Matthew 19:1-10**  
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Thesis: I want to show the faults in some of the more popular false teachings concerning divorce & remarriage.

Intro: 1. Many of us, if not all of us have heard some strange ideas concerning divorce & remarriage.  
2. We will be looking at a few of the more popular false teachings tonight.

I. Ancient Ideas

A. Ancient schools of thought.

1. From the school of Hillel (a Jewish rabbi); Believed that a man could divorce his wife for ANY reason. Based on **Deut 24:1** - *When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house,*
2. From the school of Shammai – believed that a man could only divorce his wife for adultery; **Deut 24:1** – “**uncleanness**”; they looked at this term as being adultery

B. Christ went to the source of Authority

1. **Mt 19:4** - “have you not read”, the authority is the written word of God.
2. Jesus did not appeal to: emotion, strange reasoning, or feelings
  - a. Being a “difficult” person, or “falling out of love” with someone does not meet God’s exception in Matthew 19:9.
  - b. If one cannot abide but such laws consider what the disciples said in **Matthew 19:10**.

II. False Ideas concerning divorce & remarriage

A. Baptism washes away unscriptural marriages.

1. If a person is in an unscriptural or adulterous marriage before he became a Christian, then when that person is baptized that becomes and non-adulterous marriage. Doesn’t baptism wash away all sin?
2. The problem with this idea is **repentance**. Before a person can become a Christian person must repent. A person living in adulterous marriage is living in constant sin. In order to stop this a person must stop committing this sin. Sin continues until a person has stopped, in this situation, being in an adulterous marriage.
3. Does a “married” homosexual couple have the ability stay “together” after they are baptized?
4. True repentance demands stop the sin – Romans 6 (**Rom 6:1-2**)

B. The Law of Christ does not apply non-Christians.

1. Matthew 19 is part of God’s law for Christians and does not apply to the non-Christian. That a person is not under God’s law until they are baptized.
2. So a person could have been married 10 times, then baptized and remain married.

3. God's law applies to everyone – **Acts 17:30, 1 Cor 6:9**, notice verse **1 Cor 6:11**  
“were” some of you.

C. If children are involved God will allow an unscriptural marriage.

1. Do two wrongs make a right?

2. To quote one **erring** brother

***“It denies the other person the substance of the promise made in marriage. It is injustice.”***

***“Repentance and its works must instead take the shape of a person not committing adultery/infidelity against their current spouse. Only through acts of faithfulness can a person become faithful. One does not start becoming faithful by an act of faithlessness.”***

So?

A person shows their faithfulness by remaining unfaithful, to their first scriptural spouse and keeping parties involved in sin?

This contradicts **Matthew 19 & Romans 6**; to name few. This is a **DAMNABLE** doctrine. This places the person(s) in continuous sin (**Isa 59:2**).

A. **Ben Williams of Glenpool has been teaching this, which makes him a false teacher.**

3. It is **NOT** wrong to leave an unscriptural, unapproved marriage regardless of children.

a. **Ezra 10:10-11**

III. Lessons for us today.

A. God's Basic law on marriage & divorce.

1. Stay Married! **Mt 19:6**

2. The only cause for divorce is fornication.

3. The only ones able to remarry or those who did not commit fornication, or those who's spouse has died – period!

Application & Conclusion:

1. Divorce & unscriptural marriages cripple families & in some locations the local church as well.

2. If those involved in divorces & remarriages want to have heaven as there home, they must make sure they are obeying God and not following men, feelings, or anything else.

3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9