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Living Hope Church

Let's Practice Jesus' Blessed Life!

Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.

(Why Jesus schools us about divorce and remarriage)

Matthew 5: 31-32

What point is Jesus illustrating with this third example?

It has been said....but I say unto you.

His main point:

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:17-20

Jesus' His righteousness is from the heart; it is pro-active, preventative, and builds healthy relationships.

How does He fulfill this Old Testament teaching on divorce?

What was Deuteronomy 24:1-5 intent? To protect _____, to protect _____ from men's hard hearts.

Matthew 19:1-12

Some Pharisees came to him to _____ him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

How did the Pharisees and teachers of the law apply it?

Rabbi Hillel's liberal interpretation:

Rabbi Shammai's conservative interpretation:

Rabbi Jesus' Biblical interpretation:

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Biblical marriage

- is the _____ institution. *that at the beginning the Creator*
- begins a new _____. *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother*

- _____ man and wife together. *Be united*
- makes a couple one _____ unit. *become one flesh*
- is a _____ union. *what God has joined together, let man not separate."*

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "*Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery.*"

Number one reason for divorce today: _____

What does Jesus mean about remarriage?

But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

What is "*marital unfaithfulness*"?

So What?

Biblical marriage shouldn't end in divorce, but it should be _____.

Biblical marriage requires _____ from both partners.

At the heart of the Biblical marriage stands _____, not romantic feelings

If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she'll never turn into an old nag.

"Let the wife make her husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave."

Mark Luther

To keep your marriage brimming

With love in the loving cup,

When you're wrong, admit it.

When you're right, shut up.

Ogden Nash

How do we practice Jesus' righteousness with divorce and remarriage?

Next Sunday: *Let your 'Yes' be 'yes,' and your 'no,' be no.* Matthew 5:33-35