

Happily Ever After? A Word about Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage

1 Corinthians 7:10-16

- The historical context
- The contemporary context
- The personal context

1. A divine blueprint:

Marriage is for life (Gen 2:24)

2. A fallen reality:

All marriages are affected by sin (Gen 3:16)

3. A painful truth:

Some marriages can be wrecked by sin

- 'Marital unfaithfulness': *Matt 19:1-12*
- 'Desertion': *1 Cor 7:12-16*

4. A gracious concession:

In some instances, divorce and remarriage may be appropriate

- 3 common views by Bible-believing Christians:
 - 'No Divorce & No Remarriage'
 - 'Divorce & No Remarriage'
 - 'Divorce & Remarriage'

Some key texts: *Matt 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12, Rom 7:1-6, 1 Cor 7:10-16, 39*

- 2 real-life scenarios:
 - Both believers
 - Mixed marriages

5. A gospel opportunity:

You just don't know what God will do through a Christian spouse

Applications

- If you've witnessed divorce close up
- If you're happily married
- If you're single
- Whoever you are