

## Divorce

1. How long was marriage designed to last? (Matthew 19:8; 22:30; Romans 7:2-3)
2. What is a divorce? (Deuteronomy 22:19; Isaiah 50:1; Matthew 5:31)
3. In a Jewish woman's mind, divorce was worse than what crime? (2 Samuel 13:11-16)
4. In Israel, what was done if a married person committed adultery? (Leviticus 20:10)
5. In Israel, what was done if a married person was suspected of adultery? (Numbers 5:11-31)
6. In Israel, could you divorce your spouse because of adultery? (Leviticus 20:10)
7. In Israel, what were you to do if you married a foreign woman? (Genesis 21:14; Ezra 10:3, 11, 19)
8. What was Hosea told to do with Gomer, his unfaithful wife? (Hosea 3:1)
9. What will the Lord do with Israel, His unfaithful wife? (Hosea 2:14, 19)
10. Use Malachi 2:13-16 to answer the following questions
  - a. What reasons are given for not divorcing your spouse?
  - b. Who is called unfaithful ("treacherous") – the one divorcing or the one being divorced?
  - c. What is the unqualified and obvious statement about the Lord's view of divorce?
11. Use Deuteronomy 24:1-4 to answer the following questions
  - a. What command is given?
  - b. Is there a command to divorce your spouse?
  - c. Since divorce is mentioned, does that necessarily condone divorce? (C.f., Exodus 20:15; 22:1-4)

12. Use Matthew 5:31-32 to answer the following questions

- a. What Old Testament passage is referenced?
- b. What is a valid reason for divorcing your spouse?
- c. What does the word *divorce* mean?
- d. What does the word *unchastity* mean?
- e. What does the word *adultery* mean?
- f. What act constitutes adultery?
- g. Can you remarry after divorcing for unchastity?

13. Use Matthew 19:3-10 to answer the following questions

- a. Why are the Pharisees asking about divorce?
- b. What passage does Jesus reference in regards to divorce?
- c. Why shouldn't a married couple be separated?
- d. Does Jesus use *separate* as a synonym for *divorce*?
- e. What passage do the Pharisees reference in regards to divorce?
- f. Are the Pharisees correct in saying that Moses commanded the people to get a divorce?
- g. How does Jesus correct the statement made by the Pharisees?
- h. What did Moses command and what did he permit? (C.f., Mark 10:2-5)
- i. Was divorce part of the original design of marriage?

- j. Who is said to have hardness of heart – the one divorcing or the one being divorced?
  - k. What is a valid reason for divorcing your spouse?
  - l. What does the word *immorality* mean?
  - m. How are the words *unchastity* (Matthew 5:32) and *immorality* (Matthew 19:9) related?
  - n. What act constitutes adultery?
  - o. What do the disciples conclude after they hear Jesus speak on divorce?
  - p. Can you remarry after divorcing for immorality?
14. How do you correlate Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 with Leviticus 20:10?
15. Use 1 Corinthians 7:10-39 to answer the following questions
- a. What is the command to the wife?
  - b. What does the word *leave* mean?
  - c. What is the command to the husband?
  - d. What does the word *divorce* mean?
  - e. Why are different commands given to husbands and wives?
  - f. Is *leaving* the same as *divorcing*?
  - g. Is it okay for the wife to leave her husband as long as she doesn't remarry and has an attitude of reconciliation?
  - h. In 7:11, what are the options for remarriage after a divorce?

- i. In 7:12, what kind of marriage is being dealt with?
  - j. Does this make it okay for a believer to marry an unbeliever? (C.f., question 10c; 1 Corinthians 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15)
  - k. In 7:15, who is the one who leaves?
  - l. What does *not under bondage* mean? Does this mean you can divorce your spouse?
  - m. Why should you want your unsaved spouse to stay?
  - n. In 7:27, what advice is given?
  - o. In 7:28, who can marry without it being a sin?
  - p. In 7:39, when is a person permitted to remarry?
16. What is adultery? When does it occur? (Leviticus 20:10; Proverbs 30:20; Ezekiel 16:32; Hosea 4:13; Luke 16:18; John 8:4; Romans 7:3)
  17. What does divorce among Christians say to the unsaved? (Ephesians 5:25; John 10:27-30; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 13:5)
  18. Are there examples in Scripture of righteous people pursuing divorces? (Jeremiah 3:6-8; Matthew 1:18-19)
  19. Is it okay to get a divorce with the intention of repenting of it later on? (Hosea 6:6; Romans 6:1; Hebrews 10:26)
  20. Is it okay to commit adultery on your spouse and then get a divorce on the basis of adultery? (Matthew 5:32; 19:9)
  21. Is it okay to divorce your spouse for “mental adultery”? (Matthew 5:27 Mark 7:21 2 Peter 2:14 James 4:4)

22. What other commandment must be considered when getting a divorce in our society? (1 Corinthians 6:1)
23. Is it okay for a married couple to be separated for an extended period of time? (1 Corinthians 7:5, 11)
24. Scripturally, is there a difference between a divorce and a legal separation? (Matthew 19:3, 6; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11)
25. Is it okay for a wife to get a legal separation from her husband in order to protect herself from his bad decisions? (Matthew 19:6; 1 Corinthians 6:1)
26. A friend of yours tells you that her husband is physically abusing her. What advice would you give to her?
27. Is it okay to marry a divorced person?
28. Should you attend the wedding of someone who has been divorced?
29. What can you do to prevent divorces in our church?
30. Who cares? What difference does all this make in the way you live your life?