

# Sermon on the Mount (Divorce)

In what way is our  
righteousness to exceed  
that of the scribes and  
Pharisees???

**Matt. 5:20**

# Traditional Interpretation of Divorce

## **Matt. 5:31**

Let him give her a certificate of divorce.

## **Deuteronomy 24:1-4**

Dealt with the certificate and NOT the matters to WHY the divorce is happening.

# This is exactly like Today

## Statistics of divorce

1995,	<b>46%</b>	2002,	<b>38%</b>
1996,	<b>43%</b>	2003,	<b>38%</b>
1997,	<b>43%</b>	2004,	<b>37%</b>
1998,	<b>42%</b>	<b>2005,</b>	<b>38%</b>
1999,	<b>41%</b>		
2000,	<b>41%</b>		
2001,	<b>40%</b>		

# Statistics cont.

1998,	2,267,854- 947,384-	Marriages Divorces
1999,	2,366,623- 944,317-	Marriages Divorces
2000,	2,355,005- 957,200-	Marriages Divorces

# **Conclusion by the Pharisees and scribes.**

Divorce was permissible as long as a certificate was involved.

But, go back to: **Deut. 24:1-4**

**Verses 1-3 describe a situation**

**Verse 4 is the command (not to be done)**

Scribes and Pharisees:  
Permitted all divorce as long as a  
certificate was involved!!!

Is this the proper interpretation and application???

**What does Jesus Say???**

# Jesus' teaching on (Divorce)

**Matt. 5:32**

**Only grounds for divorce (ADULTERY)**

**Otherwise divorce without this:**

**CAUSES ADULTERY**

Refer back: **Deuteronomy 24:1-4**

# **Jesus' teaching on (Divorce)**

**Jesus made very clear what the Law implied.**

**That to divorce except for sexual immorality would cause defilement.**

**Matt. 19:7-9**

# Summary of Marriage and Divorce

- ✓ Between One Man and One Woman.

**Matt. 19:4**

- ✓ Leave Parents and cleave to each other.

**Matt. 19:5**

- ✓ Married till Death do us Part.

**Mark 10:9**

- ✓ Unless One commits Adultery.

**Mark 10:11-12**

Truth is Truth Regardless...

If we **KNOW** it,  
If we **ACCEPT** it,  
If we **BELIEVE** it,

**Will we follow it???**  
**“God Hates Divorce,”**  
**Malachi 2:16**

Only **1** Reason for Divorce.

**Sexual Immorality,  
Adultery.**

**Matt. 19:9**

# Only **2** Reasons for Re-Marriage

- **Adultery committed by the other spouse.**

**Matt 19:9**

- **Spouse Passes from this Earth**

**Romans 7:1-3**

# What about difficult situations???

One Spouse is...

- **Verbally abusive**
- **Physically abusive**
- **A Dead Beat**
- **An Alcoholic**
- **A Workaholic**
- **Just not what you were looking for**

We have to keep our Marriage  
vows!!!

Therefore:

The scriptures command us to  
remain married, BUT,

**1 Corinthians 7:10-11**

Allows for Separation **WITHOUT**  
Re-Marriage.

# Statistics of our Nation

## **Reasons for Divorce, (From greatest to smallest)**

- 1. Poor Communication**
- 2. Financial Problems**
- 3. Lack of Commitment to marriage**
- 4. Dramatic change in priorities**
- 5. Adultery, Actually is the top reason if people were truly honest!!!**

# **Adultery is prevalent in our society**

Statistics show that the PORN industry creates more revenue than,

MLB, NBA, NFL, COMBINED

NBC, CBS, ABC, COMBINED

57 BILLION DOLLAR A YEAR INDUSTRY

25% OF ALL INTERNET VISITS GO TO PORN

20% OF ALL EMAILS ARE PORN RELATED

# Marriage is a Covenant

**What if God was to BREAK HIS COVENANT with US???, For just any reason???**

**(Except for Adulterating against HIM.)**

Adulator- “To corrupt or make impure by the addition of a foreign or inferior element. To replace more valuable with less valuable.”

Matthew 28:19

“And lo I am with you  
always even unto the end of  
the age.”

Jesus Christ

# Consequences for Disobeying God's Word

## **Galatians 5:19-21**

(Will not inherit kingdom of God)

## **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

(Will not inherit kingdom of God)

## **1 Corinthians 5:1,5**

(Will be Delivered to Satan)

## **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

(Shall be punished with everlasting  
Destruction)

*Divorce*, Often there is **NO**  
**EASY** Solution!!!

The way of the unfaithful is hard!!!

**Proverbs 13:15**

We will not be tempted beyond what we can  
handle!!!

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

# Do you believe that Jesus' way is Right???

If so do something about your life

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 3:16
Repent	Acts 2:38
Confess	Matt. 10:32-33
Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Revelation 2:10