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Announcements

- Men's Bible Study every Friday @ 6:30 am @ ABC.
1 Timothy 6:12-21 (This ABC is closing)
- Next Women's Bible Study April 5 @ 10:30 am
- Life Fellowship's Service to Palmetto House April 14
- Easter Sunday is April 20 together with C.C.C.
- Continued Prayers for Gaye's healing
- Remember Communion after message
- Any Praise Reports



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Gen 2:20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

Gen 2:21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

Gen 2:22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Gen 2:23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

Gen 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Gen 2:25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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“Then SIN entered in to the scene”

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

(God pronounces judgment But also vs. 21 provides much nicer animal skin clothing, first animal sacrifice)

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MATTHEW 5:31,32

- Mat 5:31

“It was said, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’;
- Mat 5:32

but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- Where did this Certificate of Divorce begin?

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- 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 **indecenty** in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house,
- Deut. 24:2 and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man’s wife
- Deut. 24:3 and if the latter husband turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,
- Deut. 24:4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

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During the time Jesus spoke this, the permissible grounds for divorce were debated:

- School of Shammai: "Restricted the 'some indecency' of Deuteronomy 24:1 to refer only to a sexual misdemeanor authenticated by witnesses."
(France)
- School of Hillel: "Reputedly took it of any cause of complaint, even including burning the dinner."
(France)

(This reminds me of John 8:1-11)

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- "Moses insisted upon 'a writing of divorcement,' that angry passions might have time to cool and that the separation, if it must come, might be performed with deliberation and legal formality. The requirement of a writing was to a certain degree a check upon an evil habit, which was so engrained in the people that to refuse it altogether would have been useless, and would only have created another crime." (Spurgeon)

40 Day Challenge



FIREPROOF

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND

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- Marriage Divorce Statistics
- 2000 – 2011 There has been a decrease in marriages from 8.2 per 1000 people to 6.8 per 1000 people.
- 2000 – 2011 There has been a decrease in divorce from 4.0 per 1000 people to 3.6 per 1000 people.
- It's roughly 2400 divorces per day in America.

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Statistics on Divorce in America

- Highest percentage of divorce is between the ages of 20 – 26
- 41% of first marriages end in divorce
- 60% of second marriages
- 73% of third marriages
- Interesting but not surprising; There is a 40% higher chance of divorce for those who live together prior to getting married.

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Five Most Common Regrets About Marriage

1. Show your partner you love and care for them in anyway you can.
2. Money matters; Discuss it!
3. Leave the past behind you.
4. Don't play the 'Blame Game'
5. Communication is KEY! (Active listening)

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- "(Christians) all regard divorce as something like cutting up a living body, as a kind of surgical operation. Some think that the operation is so violent that it cannot be done at all; others admit that it is a desperate remedy in extreme cases. They are all agreed that it is more like having your legs cut off than it is like dissolving a business partnership or even deserting a regiment." (C.S. Lewis)

(Pass out examples of paper glued together)

CONSEQUENCES



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CLOSING

- Sin entered the world and corrupted that which was perfect.
- Marriage is very important in the eyes of our Lord
- Divorce was not the original design but due to hardness of heart Moses was permitted to allow a certificate of divorce..
- Remember that Divorce was never a command of God but rather Allowed by Him.
- Please read through the following areas of Scripture so you can gain your own insight: Genesis 2,3; Leviticus 20:10; Numbers 5; Deuteronomy 22, 24; Isaiah 50:1,2; Jeremiah 2:32 - 3; Hosea 1,2,3; Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 6,7; 11:1-16; Ephesians 5:22-33; Hebrews 13:1-6; **Revelation 19:1-10.**



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