
Marriage and Divorce
Mark 10:1–12
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Introduction:

- I. God's purposes for marriage.
 - A. Covenant of companionship. Mark 10:6–9; Malachi 2:14

 - B. Godly children. Malachi 2:15

 - C. Hence, a Christian should only marry another Christian. 1 Corinthians 7:39;
2 Corinthians 6:14–15

- II. What happens if a spouse divorces improperly. Mark 10:10–12; 1 Corinthians 7:10–11

- III. Two cases where divorce is permitted.
 1. The case of sexual immorality. Matthew 19:9

 2. The case of desertion. 1 Corinthians 7:12–15

Questions for Reflection:

- *What are God's purposes for marriage?*
- *What might be some of the reasons for the high rate of marriage failure today?*
- *How can we encourage and strengthen biblical marriages?*