

God's Message. Our Mission:

The Truth About Divorce

Matthew 5:31-32



Jesus teaches his followers that divorce is tragic and causes further sin.

3 Tragic Truths about Divorce:

I. The _____ of Divorce by Selfish Society, v. 31.

Jesus confronts the prevalent distortion of God's design by religious teachers in regards marriage by addressing the issue of divorce.

- A. It is _____ that divorces will happen.
- B. Do not _____ that divorce is the best option.

II. The _____ When Divorce is Permissible, v. 32a.

Jesus gives only one reason why divorce may be permissible for someone who follows Him.

- A. Divorce is allowed when the _____ is broken by a spouse:
 - i. _____, cf. Matthew 19:9.
 - ii. _____, cf. 1 Corinthians 7:15.
- B. Remember the difference between permitted and _____.

III. The _____ Caused by Divorce, v. 32b.

Although divorce in some instances is permissible, it is always consequential. The true follower of Jesus cares more about these effects on others than their own feelings.

- A. Divorce on any other grounds is clearly _____.
 - i. Write some of the effects of willful sin in a believer's life: _____

- B. Divorce causes others to _____.

Main Idea: Followers of Christ must be committed to the well-being of _____ above self and the _____ of God above gratification of self.

The Gospel Application:

Trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior!

- _____ His design and plan for your life.
- _____ of your failure and receive his forgiveness and redemption.
- _____ to His mission of portraying the gospel as clearly as possible through your marital status.