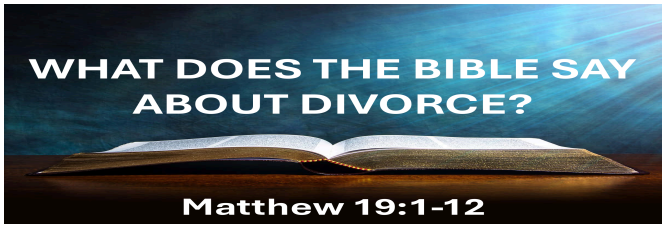

John 14:15; Matthew 28:19–20

What makes divorce so difficult is twofold:

1. We often _____ our actions to pursue the desires of the flesh!

2. When sexual immorality and abuse ***(in its many forms)*** takes place, it's hard to _____ in the relationship–**Prov. 13:12; Rom. 12:18**

Christ brings _____ to God's true intention for marriage!

Christ came to earth to _____ the law and bring clarity to its _____ intentions!

One of the hardest things we will ever do in this life is to put our emotions aside and _____ to God's counsel above our own. – **Colossians 1:10**

Jesus went _____ the rabbis, and even Moses, and reminded the people of the original law of marriage set up in The Garden of Eden.

There are three "laws" of marriage outlined:

I. The Original _____ Law – V. 4-6; Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-25

Jesus quotes and gives _____ to the Genesis account!

The Bible gives four purposes for marriage:

1. To _____ the human race – **Genesis 1:28**
2. For _____ and enjoyment – **Genesis 2:18**
3. To _____ fornication – 1 Corinthians 7:1-6
4. To _____ the relationship between Christ and His Church – *Ephesians 5:22-33*

God's original purpose was that one man should wed one woman, and only _____ should break that union. – *Romans 7:1-3*

Marriage is a _____ union, "the two shall become one flesh," but it is meant to be a union of the mind and _____ as well!

Two shall inherit _____ spiritual blessing in heaven for their combined spiritual work here on earth!

The marriage union is even stronger than family ties, for a man is to _____ father and mother and cleave to his wife!

It is a _____ union because Jesus said that God joins a man and woman together!

II. The "Temporary" _____ Law – V. 7-8; Deuteronomy 24:1-4

Moses **DID NOT** command divorce; Christ said that God _____ it, "because of the _____ of men's hearts."

III. _____ Law for Marriage – **V. 8-9**

Jesus states that divorce is "permitted" for only _____ reason and that is sexual immorality. But Jesus did not say that divorce is necessarily _____ in this case.

The goal is not looking for _____ in the law; instead, we are to _____ for reconciliation to occur ***(for the sake of the Gospel)***. – **2 Corinthians 5:18–19**

The New Testament reveals two potential grounds for divorce:

1. _____
2. _____ – 1 Corinthians 7:12–13, 15-16
2a. _____

Abuse, in it's many forms, is _____ an abandonment of the vow to protect, cherish, and nurture! – **1 Timothy 5:8**

IV. The _____ of the Disciples – **V. 10-11; Ephesians 5:32**

Your _____ is in Christ alone**!**