

**WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT MARRIAGE, DIVORCE & REMARRIAGE AND THE
CHURCH'S POSITION**

Iron Sharpens Iron Class

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The Church's position aligns with Bible's position regarding marriage, divorce and remarriage.
MARRIAGE

Marriage is designed, established and instituted by God from the beginning. Marriage is between a man and a woman.

- **Gen 2:24**

"Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

In the New Testament, Jesus picks it up when the Pharisees tried to tempt him asking him is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

- **Matt 19: 4-6:**

4. "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and, shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

- **Heb. 13:4**

Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled (pure, clean, unblemished, unpolluted, unstained, etc.): but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. (Note: a whoremonger definition – a person who has dealings with prostitutes, especially a sexually promiscuous man)

And marriage is an example of the great mystery of how Christ loves the Church.

- **Eph. 5:32 – 33:**

32. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

- **I Cor. 7:2:**

"Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

- **I Cor. 7:6, 8:**

(Paul speaking) 6. "But I speak this by permission and not of commandment. 8. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn."

DIVORICE

Moses issued a law regarding divorce because of the hardness of men's hearts.

- **Exod. 20:14:**

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

- **Deu. 24:1-2:**

1. "When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house." 2. "And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife."

Prov. 6:32:

“But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.”

- **Matt 5:31-32: 31:**

31. “It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement.” 32. “But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.”

- **Matt 19:7-9; (& Mark 10:4)**

*7. “They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?” 8. “He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.” 9. “And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication,** and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”*

- **Mark 10:11:**

“And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.”

REMARRIAGE

Remarriage is permitted in certain situations.**

- **Romans 7:2:**

“For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.”

- **I Cor. 7:11-15:**

10. “And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:” 11. “But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.” 12. “But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.” 13. “And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.” 14. “For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.” 15. “But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.”

- **I Cor. 7:39:**

“The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.”

So what about in the case of physical abuse? Is divorce and remarriage permitted?

We discussed abuse, abandonment and adultery.