

What Is Marriage?

- 1. A decision to commit one's life to one another (Gen. 2:24)**
- 2. Obeying civil law (Rom. 13:1-2)**
- 3. Becoming one flesh (Gen. 2:24-25)**

Forms a covenant (Mal. 2:13-15)

Made up of: an agreement, vow, seal of ratification

Who Has The Right To Marry?

- **Those who:**
 - ◆ **Never married (1 Cor. 7:2)**
 - ◆ **Lost a mate in death (Rom. 7:1-4)**
 - ◆ **Have had a unfaithful mate (Matt. 19:9)**

What About Divorce?

- **Some people justify and encourage it**
- **Children suffer as the result of it**
- **God**
 - ◆ **Hates it (Mal. 2:16)**
 - ◆ **Warns those who divorce without a scriptural reason (Matt. 5:31-32; Cor. 7:10-11)**

Who Has The Right To Remarry?

- **Those who:**
 - ◆ **Lost a mate in death (Rom. 7:1-4)**
 - ◆ **Have had a unfaithful mate (Matt. 19:9)**

What We Know

- **God planned one woman and one man united in marriage until death (Matt. 19:4-6)**
- **Only honorable way to break marriage is death (Rom. 7:1-3)**
- **God hates divorce (Mal. 2:16)**
- **When a husband or wife is guilty of sexual immorality, the innocent party has the right to divorce and remarry (Matt. 19:9)**
- **The guilty party is never given right to remarry**

False Theories

- ***Remain in state in which one is called
(1 Cor. 7:20)***

WHAT WE MUST DO

- ***Don't play God.*** God has made the rules; we must follow them. No one has the right to change the law of God!
- ***Be compassionate.*** When people go through a divorce, their need for compassion, understanding and love is never greater. We must be there for them.
- ***Build strong marriages.*** Our desire must be to build marriages that will be happy, satisfying and will last until death.