

A Study of 1 Cor. 7

Paul Taught That:

- One can live a single life and be pleasing to God (v. 1)
- One of the reasons for marriage is to avoid fornication (v. 2)
- Husbands and wives have sexual responsibility
- to one another (vss. 5-6)

Paul Taught That:

- Marriage and celibacy are both good (vss. 8-9)
- Married people ought to live up to their marriage vows (vss. 10-11)
 - If they fail to do so, then they have two choices:
 - **Remain unmarried**
 - **Or be reconciled**
- Marriage to an unbeliever was to be kept (vss. 12-14)

Paul Taught That:

- The believer is not enslaved to an unbeliever (vss. 15-16)
 - A believer is never a slave to a spouse to give up Christ and when the unbeliever leaves the believer has no responsibility to be a husband or wife.

Some Teach That:

- This passage gives another reason for divorce and remarriage (vss. 15-16)
- That “Bondage” here is the marriage bond
- Not So!
 1. “Deo” is the marriage bond as is used in verses 27, 39, Rom. 7:2. The word here is “Douloo” and means slavery (Titus 2:3)
 2. The negative particle must be observed here: “Not under bondage.” But they were “married” therefore this bondage cannot be the marriage bond.
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Paul Taught That:

- Cultural relationships that are right must be maintained (vss. 17-24)
- It's expedient for unmarried people to remain unmarried due to the present (then) distress (vss. 25-38)
- Remarriage of the widow was to “in the Lord” (vss. 39-40)

The Lord Taught That

- All are amenable to God's law on marriage and divorce (Matt. 19:4-6, 11-12)
- Divorce was never in the plan of God (Matt. 19:3-6)
- One exception to the rule "one man and one woman united until death" (Matt. 19:9)

Opinions and Individual Convictions?

- Don't judge (Condemn) others (Rom. 14:4, 10, 19-20)
- Don't bind them on others (Rom. 14:3)
- What if they do? (Rom. 16:17-18)