Scripture: Matthew 19 4/18/2021

THE PERMANENCE OF MARRIAGE

Matthew 19:1-12

Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2 And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. 3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" 4 He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." 7 They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" 8 He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery." 10 The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." 11 But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. 12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

"Christ has redeemed you to now live according to how he created things to be rather than looking for loopholes for how we want things to be."

1. The Creation Ordinance is the Foundational Principle for Marriage.

Matthew 19:1-6, Deuteronomy 24:1-4, Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:23-24, 1 Timothy 2:11-14, Romans 1:21-28, 1 Corinthians 11, Ephesians 5:28-32

How is the book of Genesis so relevant for the way we think about marriage?

2. Legality is Not Your Problem, Your Heart is Your Problem

Matthew 19:7-8

Where do you find yourself looking for loopholes rather than seeing the problem in your own heart?

3. There is an Exception But it's Not Our Answer.

Matthew 19:9

How does the fruit of the Spirit in forgiveness affirm assurance of salvation?

4. Whether Married or Single, Live for Christ and His Kingdom.

Matthew 19:10-12

In your married or single status, how should you view your responsibility to God right now?

Current Series: The King's Children

Church Announcements

- Sunday School for kids 8:30am
- Wednesday night:

Home Bible Fellowship: 7pm The Hacker's home.

Zoom: 7pm

Thursday night:

Home Bible Fellowship: The Ham's home.

(and on Zoom)

- BIG DAY OUT: May 1, Yellow Springs.
- Picnic after church today.

Special Request

- Pray for our Home Bible Fellowships growing this year.
- Pray for our elders and deacons with important decisions.
- Pray for The Riddles in Creation ministry

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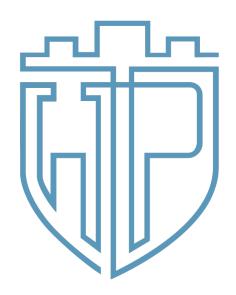
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