



# Marriage Divorce and Remarriage

Matthew 19:3-12

# What Does Repentance Require?

- Repentance means a changing of the mind and is proven by action (Lk. 3:7-8, 10-14; cf. Jas. 2:17).
- Could the man in 1 Cor. 5 say “I’m sorry” and then continue with his father’s wife?
- Marrying someone contrary to God’s law puts you into a state of sin (Rom. 7:2-3).
- Consider the language of John towards Herod (Matt. 14:3-4).
- God has required divorce even though He hates divorce (Ezra 10:1-3).

# What About Non-Christians?

- Some argue that those outside of Christ are not subject to the laws of Christ (1 Cor. 5:10-12).
- If they are not subject to the laws of God, then what should we be calling the world out of (1 Cor. 6:9-11)?
- Notice the targets of the instruction of Jesus (Matt. 19:1-9).
- Why did John hold Herod accountable to God's law (Matt. 14:3-4)?

# Can a Divorced Person Marry?

- If a person divorces because the marriage is unrighteous, are they separating what God has joined (Matt. 19:6)?
- If a person divorce because the marriage is unrighteous, are they “bound by law” to that spouse (Rom. 7:2)?
- We may be tempted to take the “safe route” to all these questions (1 Cor. 7:8).
- We may still have some questions about specific situations, but we can at least understand the basic principles here.