

Matt. 19:3-9

Things God Has Joined...

Man And Woman In Marriage

- 3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?
- 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?

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- 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh.
What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
- 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 marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (Matt. 19:3-9)

Jesus Christ And The Church

- Eph. 3:10-11 → To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
- 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

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- **Eph. 5:23** → For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body.
- **Eph. 1:22-23** → **22** And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, **23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
- **Eph. 4:4** → *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- **I Cor. 12:13** → For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...

Jesus Christ And The Church

■ Jesus is the builder of the church.

- Matt. 16:18 → And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (cf. I Pet. 2:6; 4-5)

■ Jesus bought the church with his own blood.

- Acts 20:28 → Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood. (cf. Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16)
- Acts 2:47 → And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (NKJV)

The Word of God and Belief

- **Heb. 11:6** → But without faith *it is impossible* to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- **Rom. 1:16** → For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
- **Rom. 10:17** → So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Word of God and Belief

- **Acts 18:8** → “...many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.
- **Lk. 8:12** → Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.
- **Mk. 16:15-16** → 15 And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Conclusion...

■ *Sin and Death:*

- Rom. 6:23 → For the wages of sin is death.

■ *Baptism and Salvation:*

- Acts 2:38 → “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,…”

■ *Choices and Consequences:*

- Gal. 6:7-8 → Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.