

Q & A Sunday – May 27, 2018 – Brian Walsh

Question: According to the New Testament, if a woman divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery. It seems clear by scripture, yet I know many Christians remarry. (Mk 10:11-12, Mt 5:31-32)

1. Before we begin – Romans 8:1: Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
2. The most important point to remember: Mal 2:13-16 - You have dealt treacherously with the wife of your youth... “I hate divorce” – God
 - 1) Sacred union meant to last a lifetime
3. Mt 19:3-10 - Pharisees question Jesus about divorce:
 - 1) What God has joined together let no man separate
 - 2) Why did Moses give certificate of divorce? – Hardness of their hearts
 - 3) Whoever divorces his wife except for immorality and marries another woman, commits adultery.
 - i. The word used is “porneia” – translated fornication, adultery, incest, indulge in unlawful lust with either sex.
4. 1 Cor 7:10-11, 15 – Paul is speaking to Christians
 - 1) Wives – don’t leave your husband but if you do, remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband
 - 2) Husbands – don’t divorce your wife
 - 3) If unbelieving spouse leaves the brother or sister is not under bondage
5. Summary
 - 1) God hates divorce – believers should come to the foot of the cross with a humble heart and spirit of reconciliation to restore the marriage covenant
 - 2) Divorce and remarriage guidelines:
 - i. Divorce unacceptable except for fornication, adultery, immorality, or an unbelieving spouse leaves
 - ii. Divorce prior to salvation – forgiveness at the foot of the cross
 - 3) Divorce not an unpardonable sin – if divorced then remarried as a believer, repent and ask for God’s forgiveness