

Glorious Alternative 6 - Glorious Marriage

31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Matthew 5:31-32

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. 2 Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.3 Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”

4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

7 “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” 8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. 9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.” Matthew 19:3-9

When marriages built on Christ are common, divorce is uncommon.

Lust causes us to make compromises with our morality and eventually change our morality to suit our lust.

22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Mark 1:22

16 “The man who hates and divorces his wife,” says the Lord, the God of Israel, “does violence to the one he should protect,” says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful. Malachi 2:16

When you choose marriage, you choose to eliminate all options for a lifetime.

The Marriage relationship supersedes all other earthly relationships.

Sexuality, one flesh, is the most intense and physical expression of our vows.

To destroy a marriage is to destroy a creation of Almighty God.

When we live out Christ's desires in all of our relationships, we will allow the blessings we receive to testify to the truth of our core beliefs.