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Augustine (354-420) - Divorce is permissible, but no remarriage (even after death).

Zwingli (1484-1531)- Adultery in Matthew 5 was intended only as one example (and not the most serious one), to which could be added other legitimate causes, such as abandonment, endangerment of life, and insanity.

Martin Luther (1483-1546) - Adultery was the only cause given by Jesus. Desertion of spouse and family, he felt, was equally legitimate. He was also flexible on what "just cause" for divorce entailed eg continual conflict, hatred, etc.

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If an unbeliever wishes to divorce a spouse on account of religion, the believer is no longer under marital obligation. In such a case, "the unbelieving party makes a divorce with God rather than with her partner."

John Calvin (1509-1564) – But his practice was more liberal. His "Ecclesiastical Ordinances," allowed three grounds for divorce and remarriage other than adultery: impotence, extreme religious incompatibility, and abandonment.

William Tyndale (1536) - only in the case of adultery, was divorce permitted. He viewed the adulteress as being someone under death penalty in Mosaic Law, therefore the first is not bound to her anymore and is able to remarry.

John Wesley (1703-1791) – He did not allow divorce on the grounds of cruelty. He allowed remarriage for the innocent party that was cheated on (innocent victim remarriage).

# Jesus' Teaching on Divorce

Mat 19:3-9



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He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 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'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."


They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?"





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.



A man in a light blue shirt and grey pants stands in a hallway, looking out a doorway. The hallway has a green carpet and framed pictures on the wall.

And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife,  
except for sexual immorality, and marries another,  
commits adultery."

(Matthew 19:3-9 ESV)

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# Distortion



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It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife,  
let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

(Matthew 5:31 ESV)

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## Beijing divorces soar over property tax

Beijing's divorce rate has soared as couples seek to avoid a property tax imposed earlier this year by using a loophole for those whose marriages end.



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## Divorced after just three hours of marriage



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(Genesis 2:24 ESV)

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For the man who does not love his wife  
but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel,  
covers his garment with violence...

(Malachi 2:16 ESV)

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..... you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up your **excrement**. Because the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp ... so that he may not see anything **indecent** among you ...



## Deuteronomy 22:22

If a man is found **lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die**, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman.



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then her former husband, who sent her away,  
may not take her again to be his wife,  
after she has been defiled...



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# Design



# Dissolution





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But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, **except on the ground of sexual immorality**, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

(Matthew 5:32 ESV)





She saw that for all the **adulteries**  
of that faithless one, Israel,  
I had sent her away with a decree of divorce.

(Jeremiah 3:8 ESV)



For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband **dies** she is **released** from the law of marriage.

(Rom 7:2-3)



Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband **dies**, she is **free** from that law, and if **she marries another man she is not an adulteress.**

(Rom 7:2-3)



A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives.  
But if her husband **dies**, she is **free to be married** to  
whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

(1 Corinthians 7:39)



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let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister  
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5. Otherwise, a non-permissible remarriage results in adultery.



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*To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he **should not divorce her**. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she **should not divorce him**. 1Cor 7:12,13*

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*For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. 1Cor 7:14*



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*Wives, in the same way **be submissive to your husbands** so that, if any of them do not believe the word, **they may be won over** without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 1Pet 3:1-2*

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*To the married ..... the wife should not separate from her husband (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife. (1 Cor 7:10-11)*

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**A4 - Though divorce is a serious matter, it is not unforgivable (1 John 1:9). Confess your sin to your former spouse and ask forgiveness. From this point forward commit to honor God's Word pertaining to marriage.**

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**We can extend this same grace toward a spouse. Divorce is permitted, but not required.**

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**But you may practise redemptive separation.**

**That is, in order to prevent further harm to yourself, and greater sin from your spouse, you may have to live apart from him / her for a period of time.**

**But this is not a biblical ground for divorce.**



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