From The Beginning

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"Some Pharisees came to Jesus, <u>testing</u> Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"

Matthew 19:3

"Have you not read that He who 'made them from the beginning made them male and female', and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

Matthew 19:4-5

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 Christ goes back to *The* beginning vs. 4-5

God's design for marriage [Genesis 2:24]

Marriage is a covenant Malachi 2:14 "They said to Him, "Why then did Moses" command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?" He said to them, "because of your <u>hardness of heart</u> Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way."

Matthew 19:7-8

"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, <u>except for immorality</u>, and marries another woman commits adultery; and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

Matthew 19:7-8

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Divorce was and is not God's intent for marriage v.8

God has provided only one reason why a divorce would be permitted; adultery v.9a

Consequences of adultery v.9b (cf. Malachi 2:14) One man, one woman, until death, except for the cause of adultery.

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This is God's Standard:
 The disciples shock v.10
 Does not change the standard vs.11-12
 This is the only standard

Hebrews 13:4

What must I do to be saved? Acts 16:30

 Believe in Jesus; John 8:24
 Repent of Sins; Luke 13:3; 5
 Confess our Faith in Christ; Matt. 10:32-33





Be Baptized for the Remission Of Sins
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38