

# PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

## 1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-24

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**THE DANGERS OF SPLITTING UP A HOME**

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## IN OUR PREVIOUS STUDIES

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### **GOD, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE**

*THE DANGERS OF SPLITTING UP A HOME*

**1.) Why is marriage such a big deal?**

**v.10-13**

**1a.) It's a spiritual union designed by God**

**1b.) It's a ministry foundation dedicated to the other**

**1c.) It's a physical witness displayed before the world**

**2.) Why is marriage under attack today?**

**v.14-17**

**2a.) Marriage is God's ultimate calling for a family**

**2b.) Marriage is God's chief setting for peace**

**2c.) Marriage is God's primary mission field**

## ONE CHALLENGE HAS LED TO ANOTHER...

Like the walkway on the side of our house...  
that became so much more.

### GOD, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

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#### 3.) Why marriage may not be for everybody

v.18-24

:18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. :19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, **but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.** :20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. :21 Were you called *while* a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use *it*. :22 For he who is called in the Lord *while* a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called *while* free is Christ's slave. :23 **You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.** :24 Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.

Here The Apostle Reminds The Corinthian Believers  
to Count The Costs Before They Make a Decision about Marriage,

#### 3a.) What's of the past - goes before the Cross

18 Was anyone called while **circumcised**? Let him not become **uncircumcised**. Was anyone called while **uncircumcised**? Let him not be **circumcised**.  
:19 **Circumcision** is nothing and **uncircumcision** is nothing,  
**but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.**

**The Outward show doesn't matter to God.** It's not becoming (circumcised) or (uncircumcised). It's not about becoming a slave or a free man. - If you're tattooed, don't worry about it now – you can't change it. Live your new life for Christ and glorify God in everything you do!

**Ephesians 5:21-26**  
**submitting to one another in the fear of God.**

#### But What About My Situation Pastor Jack?

"I was once married and then got a divorce, then got married again,  
- what am I supposed to do now?"

{wouldn't it have been great to have asked that question earlier in life: "what am I supposed to do?"}

**!!! YOU HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH YOUR PAST !!!**

## Take Your Situation to The Cross of Christ.

### **Matthew 12:31**

"Therefore I say to you, all manner of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

*Is it really our desire to follow Jesus Christ as Lord?*

*LORD means He's Over All - In Our Lives...*

*I can understand why you might want to hang out around Christians. We have fun without drugs. We love our kids, we vote, we help our neighbors and the like.*

*But when Jesus gets into areas of my life that I don't want tampered with - it threatens me. "So Jesus can you save me from hell but stay out of certain areas of my life?"*

### **1 John 1:6-7**

If we say (*do we?*) that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not **practice** the truth. :7 But if we walk (*do we?*) in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another (*do we?*), and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### **Matthew 7:21**

"Not everyone who **says** to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

**If you're married, fix your marriage and maintain your marriage -** stay married. If you've been involved in an unscriptural divorce, the Bible says for you to stay single or be reconciled to your husband (assuming he's not re-married).

**I Believe That God Has Ordained a Husband to Create a Wife**

(Let me explain this – he has been given an influence that either enables or disables his wife.)

### **Ephesians 5:28-33**

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. :29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. :30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. :31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." :32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. :33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

"What about my story?" you ask

Adultery / physical abuse / unscriptural divorce / un-biblically remarried / violent home

### **Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. :31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. :32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. :2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us,

## **WHY MARRIAGE ISN'T FOR EVERYONE**

### **3b.) What's of the present - goes before the Throne**

:20 Let each one **remain** in the same calling in which he was called. :21 Were you called while a **slave**? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. :22 For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's **freedman**. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's **slave**.

**!!! YOU HAVE A CHOICE ABOUT  
WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO TODAY!!!**

**Now That You're a Christian First:**

Be the best at what you are and what you do...

### Deuteronomy 6:5-9

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. :8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. :9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## IS A REDEDICATION IN ORDER?

### 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Therefore, **from now on**, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. (*we're now believers*) :17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ (*hidden, tucked away secure*), *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things *are* of God, who has **reconciled** us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, :19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. :21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## WHY MARRIAGE ISN'T FOR EVERYONE

### 3c.) What's of the future - goes before the Judge

23 You were **bought at a price**; do not become slaves of men. :24 Brethren, let each one **remain** (*abide, dwell, reside*) with God) in that **state** in which he was called.

Paul is Saying That – “*whatever your situation or relationship is: Live your life full-out for Jesus Christ because life is too short to waste it on fleeting pleasures.*”

“Christian, you need to start living like what you're worth.”  
The LORD has advertised your value to the world.

Take out a pen – turn to John 3:16 – put your name in there.

**Romans 2:16**

The day is coming when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ,

**Romans 14:10**

“...For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**!!! YOU HAVE A CHOICE AS TO  
WHAT YOUR FUTURE WILL BE LIKE !!!**

**Proverbs 31:10**

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

God uses Marriage to make His people more like Jesus.

What was the price?

**(for 2011, the listed price of a human being \$4.50)**

65% **Oxygen** / 18% **Carbon** / 10% **Hydrogen** / 3% **Nitrogen** / 1.5% **Calcium** /  
1% **Phosphorous** / 0.35% **Potassium**  
0.25% **Sulfur** / 0.15% **Sodium** / 0.15% **Chlorine** / 0.05% **Magnesium** /  
0.0004% **Iron** / 0.00004% **Iodine**

What's the price you might pay?

**(There's the global price per unit - as a human estimates a human. It could be in the hundreds of thousands or millions, but then again less than dirt)**

65% **Attitude** / 18% **Looks** / 10% **Intellect** / 3% **Sex...**

**But What's the Real Price?**

If He who is infinite came to die for us – then the value of you is beyond any calculation. You are of infinite worth to God Himself.

**Abiding With God**

is to be The Sole-Absolute Priority of Our Lives.

**Abiding Begins with Repentance.** - If you sinned against God and Marriage out of Ignorance - ask the Lord for forgiveness.

**Abiding Stays with Consistence.** – Make your Christianity work in your life. Without that happening – you're most likely not even a Christian and you're lost.

**Abiding Grows with Obedience.** – Obeying God is the best, most wonderful, exciting, liberating, and empowering thing you can do every day.

### John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. :2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. :3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. :4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. :5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. :6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. :7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. :8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

————— *End of Study* —————

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