



# What We Believe And Why

## *“Marriage, Divorce, & Remarriage”*

- Introduction:
1. There is nothing better than a good marriage and I suppose nothing worse than a bad one.
  2. What God intended to be for our good, has been perverted to the point that it often brings us misery.
  3. "Living Happily Ever After" may be how all fairy tales end, but it doesn't always happen that way in real life.

### **I. A Divorce Dilemma For Jesus**

- A. (Matthew 19:1-12).
- B. The Pharisees were testing Jesus (19:3; Deuteronomy 24:1).

### **II. God's Original Plan**

- A. It is to be between male and female (Matthew 19:4).
- B. The couple are to leave father and mother and cleave to each other (Matthew 19:5).
- C. Marriage is to be a union of two lives (Matthew 19:5).
- D. Marriage is to last a lifetime (Matthew 19:6).

### **III. An Alteration to God's Original Plan**

- A. Divorce was tolerated under the Old Law (Matthew 19:6).
- B. This concession, which was less than God's ideal, was tolerated because of the hardness of their hearts (Matthew 19:8).

### **IV. Jesus' Teaching Regarding Divorce & Remarriage**

- A. (Matthew 19:9).
- B. His teaching is contrasted against the tolerance allowed under the Law of Moses.

### **V. The Reaction of the Disciples**

- A. (Matthew 19:10).
- B. They found his teaching difficult and hard to accept.

### **VI. Jesus' Response To The Disciples Reaction**

- A. (Matthew 19:11-12).
- B. In the final analysis, people must bend because God's law doesn't.

- Conclusion:
1. In the midst of a world that flagrantly disobeys God's will in regard to marriage, divorce, and remarriage, we must resolve to stand for what is right, regardless of the cost.
  2. This won't be a popular decision, but when I stand before the Lord and give account, I'd much rather be right than popular.

