

The Gift of Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-2

(series #24)

Intro: God's goodness - Acts 14:17, Matt. 5:45, Ps. 145:9

I. The Background to Chapters 7-16

A. Paul's response to a report - chapters 1-6

B. Paul's answers to questions - chapters 7-16

II. The Background to Chapter 7

A. Marriage, divorce, singleness, widowhood, etc.

B. The relationship of chapter 7 to 6:12-20

1. Sexual immorality is wrong - Pro. 5:1-23

2. Physical union in marriage is God-ordained

III. The Background of the City of Corinth

A. The culture promoted all kinds of immorality

B. This prompted the question about celibacy

IV. "It is good for a man not to touch a woman."

A. Singleness and celibacy is a good option

B. It is a good option, but not the only good option

V. Marriage is also a good option v. 2

A. Ephesians 5:22-33

B. Genesis 26:6-9

Conclusion: We can enjoy God's great gift of marriage!