

Instructions on Remarriage and Divorce

1 Corinthians 7:8-11

(series #26)

Intro: the 4 key terms used by Paul in this chapter

- 1) married - Hebrews 13:4
- 2) widows - single due to the death of a spouse
- 3) virgins - someone who has never been married
- 4) unmarried - refers to or includes those divorced
 - a) a distinct group from widows v. 8
 - b) used to refer to those who are divorced v. 11

I. Instructions to unmarried and widows vv. 8-9

- A. Paul identifies himself with this group
- B. Remaining unmarried is a good option v. 8
- cf. verse 1
- C. Remaining unmarried is not the only option v. 9
 1. Widows are free to remarry
 2. Unmarried people are free to remarry
 - a. Matthew 19:9
 - b. 1 Corinthians 7:27-28
 - c. 2 Corinthians 5:17

II. Instructions for Christian marriages vv. 10-11

- A. Stay married!
- B. This is what the Lord taught in Matt. 19:1-9
- C. If you sin by divorcing, don't sin further by remarriage
 1. Remain unmarried
 2. Be reconciled to your spouse