

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus,

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." I Corinthians 3:10

In the Spring 1995 Ministers Meetings in Kansas, mention was made of drawing up a statement of position on Radio and T.V., and Divorce and Remarriage. Many of you have expressed the need for something of this nature to bring awareness, and to establish a biblical position for present and future reference.

The committee met in September and felt led to present the following for your evaluation.

1. Radio and Television

Because of the many dangers the radio and television impose upon and expose to the mind, we believe God will honor our faithful response to reject these in an effort to avoid all it's enslaving effects. The church will without doubt experience a brighter future without these undesirable influences.

You will also find a statement on Divorce and Remarriage for your evaluation. Please consider the content carefully and bring your comments to the Spring Minister's Meeting. Do remember this is not a final draft. It is subject to your approval and support.

If you cannot be at the Spring meetings, feel free to write or call one of the committee members.

For Christ and the Church,

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II Divorce and Remarriage

Divorce, followed by remarriage, has become a monstrous evil in our day, and we need to face the issue honestly and courageously. Marriage is more than a contract or a partnership; it is a union where God performs a miracle as two become one.

Mark 10: 11,12 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

In the matter of marriage, God has made some clear statements. They are definite: "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth." Romans 7:2
What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder. This is God's design from the beginning.

We do not tolerate remarriage while former partners are living. This position would apply to all cases.

A. A single person is married to a divorced person.

If a single person is married to a divorced person, we call it an adulterous marriage. He or she must separate from this marriage and remain single as long as the one they were married to lives. This situation could be argued from various perspectives, but we find this to be the safest position.

B. The first marriage vows are broken.

We believe God recognizes the original vows in a marriage to be honored. If one or both partners remarry after divorce, it is called an adulterous marriage, and separation is required, after which the original two could be reunited in marriage.