

BIBLICAL TEACHING ON ADULTERY AND MARRIAGE TO AN ADULTERER

All sins are NOT the same. The sin of Adultery according to Leviticus 20:10 was a capital offense, "...the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death..."

Scripture speaks of adultery as being equal to idolatry or the worship of foreign gods. (cf. Exodus 22:20). Yet, the thief who steals from his neighbor is only required to pay back double what he stole (Exodus 22:7). He is not put to death.

According to God, adultery is a far greater crime than thievery. However, because our laws today do not reflect God's standards we tend to disregard God's position and elevate man's. This is HERESY.

Adultery, therefore, is not just a sin like any other sin any more than murder is.

Christ not only expresses His disdain for adultery but warns that none should ever MARRY one who had been immoral, "...whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery...." (Matthew 5:32). Christ felt so strongly about this that He repeats this law to His disciples once again in Matthew 19:9.

I Corinthians 5:9-13 states that anyone who professes to be a Christian and yet engages in sexual sins (adultery being one of them), must be put out of the church and shunned until true repentance is made (ie., the abhorrent sin stopped).

1 Corinthians 6:9 and 10 places those who commit adultery with homosexuals, idolaters and thieves and states that those who hold to this lifestyle will have NO PART IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 6:18 states that immorality is different than other sins for, "every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body " This means according to verse 19 that you take your body which is now God's 'temple' and enjoin Him to an act of unfaithfulness and filth. NOTE: 1 Corinthians 3:17 states "If any man destroys the temple of God, GOD WILL DESTROY HIM." Therefore, Ephesians 5:3 says, "Immorality should never be named among the Saints."

1 Thessalonians 4:3 strictly forbids sexual immorality and Paul warns in verse 6 that GOD WILL AVENGE anyone who has been defrauded in this way. To encourage or convey that immoral behavior is acceptable is to wish God's destructive hand upon the brother who is in sin. In so doing, a brother has caused a weaker brother to stumble and Christ says, "Woe to stumbling" blocks, "for it would be better that he be drowned in the depths of the sea" than that he cause another to stumble, (cf. Matthew 18:6,7)

According to Matthew 18:16-17, the loving brother must confront the brother in sin and continue to confront until his brother repents or until he no longer wants to be associated

This may be unpopular but James reminds us that the stakes are high. "If any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back (*away from the sin*), let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins." James 5:19,20

The Word of God is not man's opinions. It is God's immutable, infallible truths which never change. Though society and popular beliefs often shift, God's Word stands firm

"Never-the-less, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, the Lord knows those who are His, and