



Not Under Bondage?

1 Corinthians 7:15

“ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION” EXPLAINED

Matthew 19:3-9 Observations and Claims

- Who is Jesus speaking to? *Jews*
- Are they believers or nonbelievers? *Believers*
- What did Jesus do with the Genesis account? *He made an addition.*

“ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION” EXPLAINED

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 Observations and Claims

- Who is “the married”? *All believers*
- “Not I, but the Lord”. *This is what Jesus taught and He taught to believers only.*

“ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION” EXPLAINED

1 Corinthians 7:12-16 Observations and Claims

- Who is “the rest”? *Believers & Nonbelievers*
- “I, not the Lord”. *This is what Jesus didn’t teach. Everything Paul teaches from here on out wasn’t addressed by Christ.*
- What if unbeliever departs? *You are no longer bound. Paul, like Jesus, has introduced another exception. Marry again!*

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Matthew 19:3-9 Observations and Claims

- Who is Jesus speaking to? *Jews*
- What did they ask Jesus? *See vs. 3 & 7*
- What does whoever mean? *I understand Jesus ultimately had in mind everyone and not only the "believer". This term is used again and again. We must harmonize with this text and the other writings.*

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1 Corinthians 7:10-11 Observations and Claims

- Who is "the married"? *All believers*
- "Not I, but the Lord". *This is what Jesus taught during His ministry.*
- Jesus didn't teach "reconcile or remain unmarried", but Paul wasn't adding anything and we would be able to draw that conclusion from what Jesus said anyway. It also doesn't include Jesus' "exception", but we harmonize all text.

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1 Corinthians 7:12-16 Observations and Claims

- Who is "the rest"? *Believers & Nonbelievers*
- "I, not the Lord". *This is what Jesus didn't teach. This gospel had not gone out to Gentiles who were married and then converted.*
- Believer can't divorce who? *Nonbeliever*
- Should the unbeliever depart? *No, but they did and it's being addressed.*
- They are not enslaved. *Different Greek term. Harmonize God's word - why is this marriage bond fundamentally different? It's not.*

A CALL FOR CONSISTENCY

Our understanding is completely consistent no matter who is involved. The “other side” needs to be consistent as well.

- Where is your authority to divorce for adultery?
- Where is your authority to marry again?
- Now we're to understand we can use Jesus' teaching because a believer is involved? And what about God's rule concerning two nonbelievers? Do they not have law? Or are they not accountable to Jesus' words?

WE NEED TO BE OF THE SAME MIND AND JUDGMENT.

WE NEED TO RIGHTLY DIVIDE GOD'S WORD.

WE NEED TO STOP SEPARATING MARRIAGES AND THE BODY.