

# Man and Woman as the Image of God

Genesis 1:27, 2:8 – 2:23

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## Theological Issues

- I. Image of God
  - A. Man
  - B. Woman
  - C. Humanity
  - D. Marriage
  - E. Faith Community
    1. Israel
    2. Body of Christ (ie – Church)

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# Observations About the Trinity

## I. Unity

- A. Unique
- B. Distinct
- C. Inseparable

## II. Plurality

- A. Individual Personalities
- B. Complementary
- C. Non-conflicting

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# Image of God

## Genesis 1:26-28 [ESV]

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make **Adam** in our image, after our likeness. And let **them** have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created "**the**" **Adam** [**Humanity**] in his own image, in the image of God he created **him**; male and female he created **them**.

<sup>28</sup> **And God blessed them**. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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# Image of God

## Genesis 5:1-5 [ESV]

- <sup>1</sup> This is the book of the generations of Adam. When **[in the Day]** God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.
- <sup>2</sup> Male and female he created them, and **he blessed them and named them Man** when **[In the Day]** they were created.
- <sup>3</sup> When Adam had lived 130 years, **he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image**, and named him Seth.
- <sup>4</sup> The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters.
- <sup>5</sup> Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

# Image of God

## Basic Observations (Shorter Catechism)

God		Humanity
Incommunicable Attributes	Communicable Attributes	The Image of God
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Spirit ("Life")	Being	Mortal
Infinite	Wisdom	Finite
Eternal	Power	Temporal
Unchangeable	Holiness	Changeable
	Justice	
	Goodness	
	Truth	

**Notice that this may apply to individuals, marriages, churches, businesses, societies, as well as all Humanity at-large**

# Human Beings Made in the Image of God

## Texts to Be Examined

- I. Genesis 9:5-7
- II. Psalm 51:1-19
- III. James 3:6-12
- IV. Luke 7:36-50
- V. Matthew 25:31-47
- VI. Luke 23:32-43
- VII. Mark 12:28-34
- VIII. John 13:34-35

## Post-Flood

### Genesis 9:5-7 [ESV]

<sup>5</sup> And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. <sup>6</sup> **"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.** <sup>7</sup> And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem on the earth and multiply in it."

# Davidic Psalm

## Psalm 51:1-12 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.** <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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# The Tongue

## James 3:6-12 [ESV]

<sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> **With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.** <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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# Sinful Woman Forgiveness I

## Luke 7:36-40 [ESV]

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

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# Sinful Woman Forgiveness II

## Luke 7:41-50 [ESV]

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>

**Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."** <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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# Final Judgment I

## Matthew 25:31-40 [ESV]

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> **For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’**

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# Final Judgment II

## Matthew 25:41-46 [ESV]

<sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> **Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**

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# Two Criminals on Crosses

## Luke 23:32-43 [ESV]

<sup>32</sup> Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> **And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."** And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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# Greatest Commandments

## Mark 12:28-34 [ESV]

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, **"The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."** <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, **"You are not far from the kingdom of God."** And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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# A New Commandment

## John 13:34-35 [ESV]

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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# Image of God Summary

## Overview of Key Biblical Texts

1. Genesis 9:5-7
  - Murdering a Human is like Murdering God
2. Psalm 51:1-19
  - All Sin is against God
  - Therefore, God has authority to forgive all sins
3. James 3:6-12
  - Cursing Man is like cursing God
4. Luke 7:36-50
  - Jesus (God) can forgive sins (Jesus is God – John 1:1)
5. Matthew 25:31-47
  - How you love (or hate) people says a lot about how you love (or hate) God
6. Luke 23:32-43
  - Christ and the saints ask God to forgive others for sins against them!
  - Believers should not take persecution personally!
7. Mark 12:28-34 and John 13:34-35
  - The greatest commandments... perfected!
  - Love one another as I have loved you!

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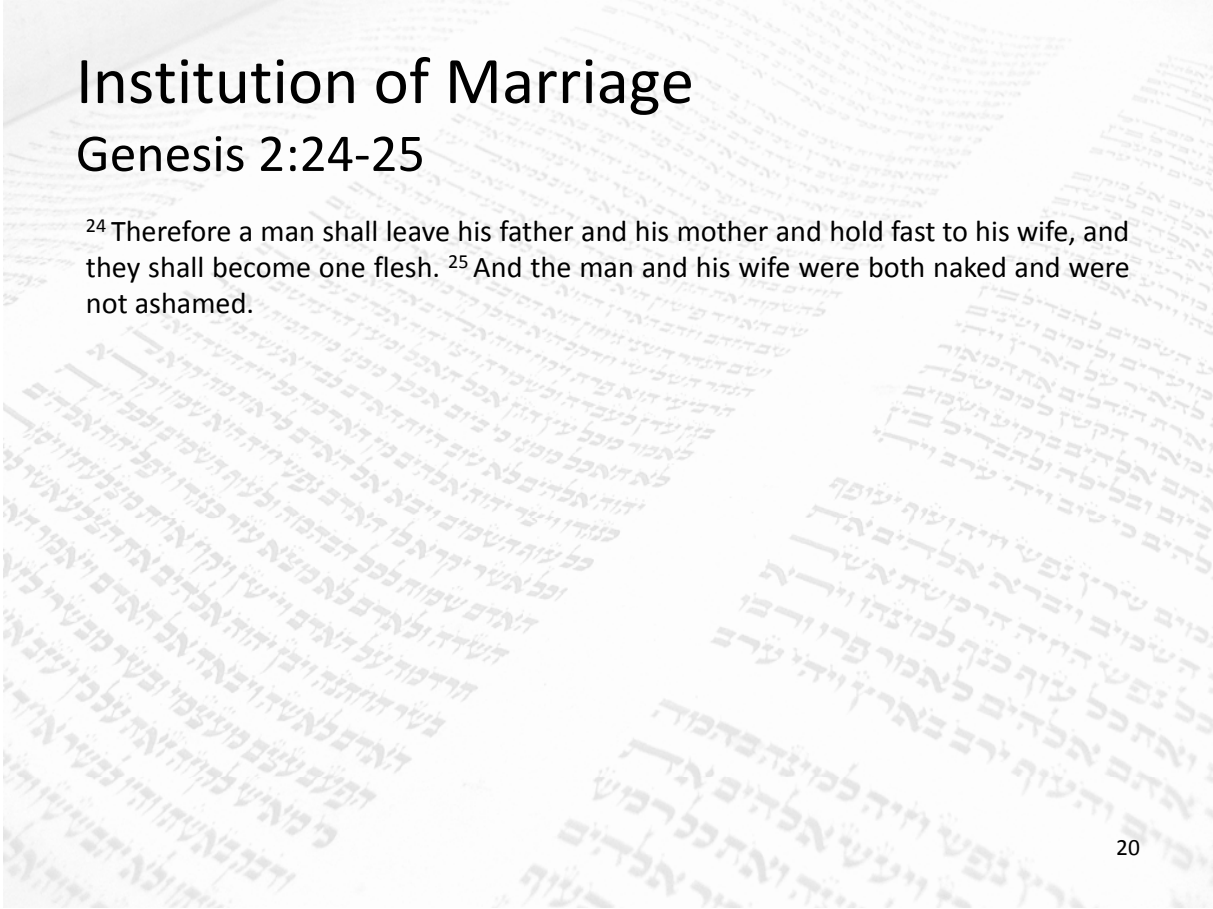


# Marriage as an Image of God

Genesis 2:24 – 2:25

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# Institution of Marriage

Genesis 2:24-25

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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# A Definition of Marriage

## American Heritage Dictionary

- I. The legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife.
- II. The state of being married; wedlock.
- III. A common-law marriage.
- IV. A union between two persons having the customary but usually not the legal force of marriage: *a same-sex marriage*.
- V. A wedding.
- VI. A close union: “the most successful marriage of beauty and blood in mainstream comics” (Lloyd Rose).
- VII. *Games*. The combination of the king and queen of the same suit, as in pinochle.

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# Mainstream Evangelical Thinking

## Excerpts of President Bush’s 2/24/04 Speech

- I. “Eight years ago, Congress passed, and President Clinton signed, the Defense of Marriage Act, which **defined marriage ... as the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.**”
- II. “The union of a man and woman is the most **enduring human institution**, honoring -- honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith.
- III. Ages of experience have taught humanity that the **commitment of a husband and wife to love and to serve one another** promotes the welfare of children and the stability of society.”

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# Marriage as an Image of God

## Thesis Summary

### I. Marriage

#### A. Trinitarian Expression of the Triune God

1. Man
2. Woman
3. And most importantly, God [Holy Spirit]

#### B. “One Man One Woman” is insufficient!

### II. Adultery

#### A. Sexual relationships devoid of God and His Holy Spirit

#### B. Attack on Marriage as an Image of God

1. Helps explain why adultery is a capital offense

#### C. Hardening of Heart – “Rejection of the Holy Spirit”

1. Unforgivable Sin... and the issue of divorce

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# Pauline Feminist Controversy

## 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 [ESV]

<sup>2</sup> Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. <sup>3</sup> **But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.** <sup>4</sup> Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, <sup>5</sup> but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as if her head were shaven. <sup>6</sup> For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head. <sup>7</sup> **For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.** <sup>8</sup> **For man was not made from woman, but woman from man.** <sup>9</sup> **Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.** <sup>10</sup> That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, **in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;** <sup>12</sup> **for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.** <sup>13</sup> Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup> Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, <sup>15</sup> but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup> **If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.**

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# 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

## Analysis of the Passage

### I. Paul argues...

- A. God is the Head of Christ
- B. Christ is the Head of Man
- C. Husband is the Head of the Wife

### II. What's missing? The Holy Spirit!

- A. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- B. Christ, the Church, and the Holy Spirit
- C. Husband, Wife, and Holy Spirit

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# Marriage In the Spirit

## Malachi 2:13-16 [ESV]

<sup>13</sup> And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. <sup>14</sup> But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup> **Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.** <sup>16</sup> "For the man who hates and divorces, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

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# Paul's Teaching on Marriage

## Ephesians 5:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> **For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.** <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> **In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.** <sup>29</sup> **For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,** <sup>30</sup> **because we are members of his body.** <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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# The Holy Spirit

## Necessary to sustain the one flesh relationship

- I. The Trinity: Father and Son
- II. The Body of Christ: Christ and the Church
- III. Marriage: Husband and Wife

# Divorce Law

## Deuteronomy 24:1-4 [ESV]

<sup>1</sup>“When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because **he has found some indecency in her**, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, <sup>2</sup>and if she goes and becomes another man’s wife, <sup>3</sup>and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, <sup>4</sup>then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled, for that is an abomination before the Lord. And you shall not bring sin upon the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.

**What sort of indecency?**

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# The Un-Holy Spirit

## The Indecent Thing

- I. Masquerades as the Holy Spirit!
  - A. False love (so-called conditional love, lust, etc.)
  - B. Full of the antithesis of love (i.e. – hatred)
    1. Resentment, rejection, abuse, selfishness, etc.
- II. Prevents one flesh relationship with God by defining God’s Holy Temple [1 Corinthians 6:19]
  - A. Causes adulterous relationships!
- III. Facilitates a promiscuous relationship with Satan and the demonic host
- IV. Prevalent in most relationships today!

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# Jesus' Teaching on Discipline

## Matthew 18:15-20 [ESV]

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**Note the proximity to the teachings on marriage!**

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# Jesus Exegesis on Divorce

## Matthew 19:3-12 [ESV]

<sup>3</sup> And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” <sup>4</sup> He answered, **“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh’? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”** <sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” <sup>8</sup> He said to them, **“Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”** <sup>10</sup> The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” <sup>11</sup> But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. <sup>12</sup> For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

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# The Unforgivable Sin

Mark 3:28-29 [ESV]

<sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"

**What is the unforgivable sin?**

**Is divorce ever permissible?**

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# Paul's Teaching on Divorce

1 Corinthians 7:10-16 [ESV]

<sup>10</sup> To the married I give this charge (**not I, but the Lord**): the wife should not separate from her husband <sup>11</sup> (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife. <sup>12</sup> To the rest I say (**I, not the Lord**) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. <sup>14</sup> **For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.** <sup>15</sup> But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. <sup>16</sup> Wife, how do you know whether you will save your husband? Husband, how do you know whether you will save your wife?

**What are the implications of a believing spouse making the unbelieving spouse Holy? How can that possibly work?**

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# Paul on Homosexuality I

## Romans 1:18-27 [ESV]

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. **<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.**

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# Paul on Homosexuality II

## Romans 1:28-32 [ESV]

<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. **<sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.** <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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# Romans 1:18-32

## Analysis

- I. Why are people given over to their passions?
- II. What does Paul mean “receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.” What do they receive?
- III. Paul writes, “They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.”
  - A. What does Paul mean ... “They were filled...”

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# Marriage as the Image of God

## Conclusions

- I. Attacking a Marriage is like attacking God
  - A. This is why adultery is punishable by death!
- II. The Holy Spirit is necessary to realize the Image of God
- III. Rejection of the Holy Spirit in any relationship, even a monogamous, legal marriage, is adulterous
  - A. Divorce is never an option with the Holy Spirit
  - B. Infidelity is NOT grounds for a Christian divorce
    1. Rejection of the Holy Spirit is...
- IV. If we reject the Holy Spirit, the Unholy Spirit is at work in our relationships!
- V. God gives us over to the Unholy Spirit if we reject Him!
  - A. Demon possession, the “fruits of the Unholy Spirit,” etc.
- VI. Due to the One Flesh Relationship with Jesus Christ, a believing Spirit filled spouse makes the unbelieving spouse holy (“set apart”)

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# Marriage as the Image of God

## Genesis 2:24 Marriage Defined

- I. “One Man, One Woman” is an insufficient definition of marriage.
- II. Marriage is an exclusive covenantal Union between
  - A. One Man
  - B. One Woman
  - C. One God
    - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment
    - 2. 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment
- III. This is fundamentally why believers are only to marry believers