

**The Sticky Wicket of Marriage: Adultery  
Matthew 5:27-32**

**The Biblical Essentials of Marriage**

**First, the biblical purpose of marriage  
is to deal with the matter of  
man being alone  
Genesis 2:18**

**Second, one of the primary reasons  
for marriage is procreation  
Genesis 1:28**

**Third, another primary reason  
for marriage is pleasure  
Proverbs 5:19; Song of Solomon**

**Fourth, another primary reason  
for marriage is the covenant of  
companionship and commitment  
Genesis 2:18-25; Proverbs 2:16, 17; Malachi 2:14**

**Fifth, in the church age,  
marriage is illustrative of  
the relationship of Christ  
to the church  
Ephesians 5: 23-32**

**The Biblical Mandates of Marriage**

**Marriage is permanent**

**Genesis 2:24  
Romans 7:2  
Matthew 19:6  
Malachi 2:14-16**

**If marriage is permanent, why is there divorce?**

**Several key Scriptures:**

**Genesis 2:18-15; Deuteronomy 24: 1-4; Matthew 5: 27-32  
Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 7:1-3; I Corinthians 7:1-16**

## Three biblical contexts for the provision of marriage and divorce

Creation (Gen. 2)    Law/Moses (Deut. 24)    Jesus/Paul (Matt. 5/19; I Cor. 7)  
General Provision    Jewish Restriction    Jewish/Christian Era

Except for...  
Matthew 5:32; 19:9

Except for...what?  
*porneia*  
fornication

Refer back to Deuteronomy 24:1  
*'erwat dabar*  
indecent, naked

Divorce: permitted or commanded?  
Divorce: death or certificate?  
Divorce: God's way or man's way?

Conclusion...  
at least for now!

There are only three biblical conditions  
by which a marriage may end.

Death  
Romans 7:2

Permanent separation by an unbeliever  
I Corinthians 7:12-16

Divorce for the exclusive reason of *porneia*  
Matthew 5:32:19:9

p.s. the subject of divorce and remarriage is a whole  
different ball game...stay tuned!