

September 7, 2025

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer

Rickey Cissom (A.M.)
Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Brock Lindley

Count and Usher

Danny Shackelford & Brice Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Keith Newby (09/10/25)

OUR RECORD

August 31, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 90

Sunday Morning Worship: 111

Sunday Evening Worship: 80

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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What Does the Bible Say About Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage? Drew Suttles

Defining Terms

Marriage

Let's begin by defining our terms. First, what is marriage? To answer this question, we must go back to the beginning:

"And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him...And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:18-24).

God designed and instituted marriage.

Marriage is to be between a man and a woman, regardless of what society says today!

Divorce

Second, what is divorce? To divorce is to put away, and God hates it:

"For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce" (Mal. 2:16). Divorce was never in the plan or purpose of God for marriage: "He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so" (Matt. 19:8).

God's standard is one man for one woman for life (Rom. 7:1-2). This is the general rule.

Remarriage

Third, what is remarriage? Now, we consider the one exception to the general rule:

"Except for fornication" (Matt. 19:9).

The innocent party in an adulterous situation has the opportunity to remarry someone who is eligible to be married: One who has never been married, one whose spouse has died, and/or one who was also the innocent party in an adulterous situation.

The guilty party cannot remarry and be right in the sight of God. This is not my opinion, but Scripture!

What Jesus Said

I now invite you to Matthew 19. In this context, we find what Jesus says regarding this subject. In the final analysis, what Jesus says is all that truly matters (Matt. 28:18; John 12:48; 2 Cor. 5:10)!

The Pharisees came to "test" Jesus (Matt. 19:3). They were not concerned with truth, but rather, wanted to trap Him and try to catch Him in a contradiction.

Jesus, when hearing their question, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason," brought them back to the standard:

"Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matt. 19:4-6).

The reason Moses permitted or allowed them to "give a certificate of divorce" was because of the hardness of their hearts. It was never God's plan or intention for divorce to take place, i.e., "from the beginning, it was not so" (Matt. 19:7-8).

Jesus gives the one exception:

"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality (fornication), and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery" (Matt. 19:9).

Dear friends, according to Jesus, anyone who divorces for any other reason and remarries is in adultery (Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18; Rom. 7:2-3; Rev. 21:8).

Marriage is holy, permanent, and governed by God (Heb. 13:4). Divorce is not God's will — except in the case of fornication, where the innocent party is given an opportunity to remarry one who is eligible. Remarriage is only permitted for the innocent party — the guilty party cannot remarry and be right in the sight of God.

Living in an unscriptural marriage is living in adultery, which will cost those involved their souls (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rev. 21:8).

Repentance is essential and requires ceasing the sin (getting out of the relationship), not just sorrow for being in an adulterous marriage (Luke 13:3; 2 Cor. 7:10).

May we appreciate the seriousness of the marriage relationship and honor God!

Statement from the Elders

Beloved brethren,
As shepherds of this congregation, our hearts are deeply concerned about the increasing influence of worldliness among God’s people. The Scriptures warn us not to be “conformed to this world” but to be “transformed by the renewing of our minds” (Romans 12:2). Yet we cannot ignore the troubling trend of immodesty, the use of alcohol, and other worldly behaviors being displayed—and at times even endorsed—by members here at Chapman.

In particular, social media has become a platform where these influences are magnified. Not only are some posting or sharing things that do not reflect holiness, but others are giving approval through comments, reactions, or “likes.” In some cases, members have even endorsed things contrary to God’s word, such as unscriptural practices regarding baptism. The danger in this is clear: what we approve, we endorse, and what we endorse we encourage (Romans 1:32). Our online presence must reflect the same purity and commitment to Christ as our conduct in daily life.

We urge every member, young and old alike, to examine carefully what you post, what you share, and what you approve. Modesty in dress and conduct is not merely an old-fashioned idea, but a divine command that honors God (1 Timothy 2:9–10). Likewise, the Bible repeatedly warns of the destructive influence of strong drink (Proverbs 20:1; Ephesians 5:18). These are not matters of personal preference but issues of holiness, purity, and influence.

As your elders, we issue this warning in love but also in seriousness: those who persist in worldliness, immodesty, drunkenness, or endorsing false teaching place themselves in eternal danger. We beg you to repent where needed, to guard your influence, and to walk worthy of the name you bear.

“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord” (2 Corinthians 6:17). Let us all take this to heart so that Christ may be glorified in His Church, and so that none of us is found ashamed at His coming.

In love and concern,
The Elders

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September 14-17

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Boyd and Earnest Underwood.

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

❖ **SICK AT HOME:** Bobbye Chapman, Gearlene Chapman, Molly Moore, Mike Pruitt

❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb McAlister, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖ **CANCER:** Vince Jordan, Jane Childs, Kelly Foster, Paula Curtis, Maverick Speck (3 yr. old), Cindy Moffitt, Kenny James, Chris Grisham, Benny Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz

❖ **SHUT-INS: Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael **Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer **Dogwood Plantation/New Albany:** Joy Simmons **Corner Stone/Corinth:** Mike Stroupe

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