

1 Corinthians 7:10-16 – The Question of Divorce.

A difficult subject.

Context – Why the interest?

Paul's Response:

1. Marriage is for life (vv.10-11).

The Lord's teaching [Matthew 19:1-9]

Do you understand the commitment of marriage?

But what about those married to unbelievers?

2. If they will live with you, do not divorce (vv.12-14).

Real complexity and anxiety.

Paul's encouragement – "made holy."

There is reason for hope.

There is need for encouragement.

3. If they leave, you are not bound (vv.15-16).

God's call to peace.

God's sovereignty in moments of desperation (v.16)

The need for wise counsel and good support.

Chasing the right "happily ever after."