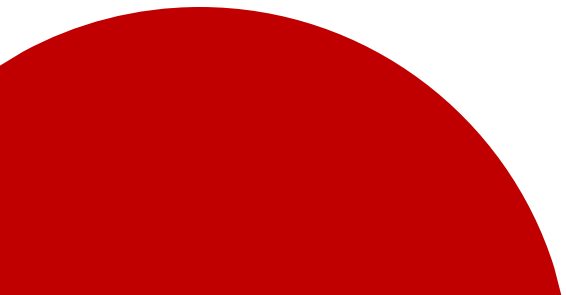




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the practical facts about
**Marriage, Divorce and
Remarriage (MDR)**

What God Has Joined Together

Marriage Lasts a Lifetime

- ***For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.***
(Rom. 7:2)
 - *“as long as he is alive” (NASB, NIV) “... lives” (NKJV) “... liveth” (KJV)*
- ***A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.***
(1 Cor. 7:39)



Divorce is Sinful

- **Because God forbade divorce (Mt. 9:6)**
 - *“What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (Mark 10:9)*
- **Because divorce causes another to sin (Mt. 5:32)**
 - *“makes her commit adultery” or “causes her to commit adultery” (NKJV)*
 - Jesus affirms shared guilt and the stumbling block principle (Luke 17:1-3a)
- **Because divorce makes one a covenant breaker**
 - Among those God “gave up” were the “faithless” (Rom. 1:28-31)
 - *“break their promises” (NIV), “covenantbreakers” (KJV)*
 - *“We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things” (Rom. 2:2)*



Re-marriage = Adultery

- For the one who divorces (Mt. 19:9; Mark 10:11-12)
- For the one who is divorced (Mt. 5:32)
- For the one who marries either (Luke 16:18)
- Adultery continues as long as one's first mate is alive (Rom. 7:2-3)
- Therefore, Paul limits the divorced to 2 options (1 Cor. 7:10-11)
 - The divorced have sinned, ignoring the Lord's command (1 Cor. 7:10)
 - Paul provides instruction to **limit the damage of their sin** (1 Cor. 7:11)
 - Like Jesus said of Moses, "*Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.*" (Mt. 19:8; Mark 10:5)
 - Paul **does not say** it is okay to divorce as long as you do not remarry!



With ONE Exception

- **One who divorces his/her mate for sexual immorality (Mt. 19:9)**
 - May remarry without committing adultery
- ***Sexual immorality* is a modern English translation (ESV, NASB, CSB)**
 - *fornication* (KJV, ASV)
- ***Sexual immorality* is not a definition**
 - We cannot use this translation as a pretense to mean something Jesus did not
 - We cannot presume that anything “sexual” and “immoral” is included
- **Jesus’ teaching hinges upon the definition of the original word**



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 - **5331 pharmakeía** – drug-related sorcery, like the practice of magical-arts
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 - **5333 phármakos** – properly, a sorcerer
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◀ Matthew 19:9 ▶

Matthew 19 - Click for Chapter

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I say	now	to you	that	whoever	-	shall divorce	-	wife	of him	except	for
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moichatai

μοιχᾶται .

commits adultery

V-PIM-3S

Thayer's Greek Lexicon

STRONGS NT 4202: πορνεία

πορνεία, πορνείας, ἡ (πορνεύω), the Sept. for זְנוּת, זָנוּת, זָנוּת, זָנוּת, fornication (Vulg.fornicatio (and (Revelation 19:2)prostitutio)); used a. properly, of illicit sexual intercourse in general (Demosthenes, 403, 27; 433, 25): Acts 15:20, 29; Acts 21:25 (that this meaning must be adopted in these passages will surprise no one who has learned from 1 Corinthians 6:12ff how leniently converts from among the heathen regarded this vice and how lightly they indulged in it; accordingly, all other interpretations of the term, such as of marriages within the prohibited degrees and the like, are to be rejected); Romans 1:29 Rec.; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:13, 18; 1 Corinthians 7:2; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Revelation 9:21; it is distinguished from μοιχεία in Matthew 15:19; Mark 7:21; and Galatians 5:19 Rec.; used of adultery ((cf. Hosea 2:2 (4), etc.)), Matthew 5:32; Matthew 19:9.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

Fornication, Fornicator

[A-1, Noun, G4202, *porneia*]

is used

(a) of illicit sexual intercourse," in John 8:41; Acts 15:20, Acts 15:29; Acts 21:25; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:13, 1 Corinthians 6:18; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Revelation 2:21; Revelation 9:21; in the plural in 1 Corinthians 7:2; in Matthew 5:32; Matthew 19:9 it stands for, or includes, adultery; it is distinguished from it in Matthew 15:19; Mark 7:21;

(b) metaphorically, of "the association of pagan idolatry with doctrines of, and professed adherence to, the Christian faith," Revelation 14:8; Revelation 17:2, Revelation 17:4; Revelation 18:3; Revelation 19:2; some suggest this as the sense in Revelation 2:21.

Bible Dictionaries



Holman Bible Dictionary

Fornication

As a whole, the New Testament uses *porneia*, most often translated fornication, in at least four ways:

1. Voluntary sexual intercourse of an unmarried person with someone of the opposite sex (**1 Corinthians 7:2**; **1 Thessalonians 4:3**).
2. A synonym for adultery (**Matthew 5:32**; **Matthew 19:9**). See Adultery; Divorce .
3. Harlotry and prostitution (**Revelation 2:14**, Revelation 2:14, **2:20**).
4. Various forms of unchastity (**John 8:41**; **Acts 15:20**; **1 Corinthians 5:1**).



Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, unrestrained behavior,  

A study of the Greek Old Testament [the *Septuagint*] shows that Greek-speaking people used the word *porneia* in its standard sense of sexual intercourse between a man and a woman who were not married to each other. A study of the New Testament gives the same evidence, that the usual or standard use of *porneia* was fornication or adultery, not other types of sexual misconduct. [Matthew 5:32](#) and [19:9](#) list *porneia* when speaking of reasons for divorce. In [John 8:41](#), the Pharisees upbraid Christ by saying, “we were not born of fornication [*porneia*],” referring to the fact that Mary was thought to have had intercourse before she was married. [1 Corinthians 5:1](#) uses the word *porneia* for the sexual contact between a man and his father’s wife. In lists where sexual sin of all kinds is being cited as wrong, “*porneia*” is often included with other more specific sins.

With ONE Exception

- *Porneia*
- In discussing the ONE exception by which one can divorce their spouse and remarry without committing adultery, Jesus used *porneia* to describe voluntary, illicit sexual intercourse of a married person with a person other than their spouse
 - [Thayer, Vine, Holman, REVBible Commentary, Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, BDAG, etc.]
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