HANDOUT Pt 2 **Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage** **1 Cor 7:10-16** TN 6/2/2018

5 questions written to Paul he answers in 1 Corinthians 7:

1. Is sex unspiritual?  1-7
2. Should those saved after widowed or divorced remarry? 8-9
3. **What are the options for Christians who are married? 10-16**
   1. **If you married to a Christian**
   2. **If you married a non-believer**
4. Does getting saved change your marital status? 17-24
5. Should those never married get marry? 25-40

**A. What are the options for Christians who are married?**  **v10 -11**

“I give this charge, Not I, but the Lord”-🡪 Matt 5:32, Matt 19:9, Mk 10:11-12

**Option 1:** Remain formerly married for the rest of your life.

**Option 2:** Be reconciled to your husband.

**B. What are the options for a Christian married to a non-believer v12 -16**

“To the rest I say (I, not the Lord)” 🡪 1 Cor7:40 “I have the Spirit of God”.

**Option 1:** Do not divorce the unbeliever if there is consent to **peacefully** stay in the marriage. V12-14

HOLY: Its means in this context set apart unto blessing.

*GK- Set apart for God’s purposes by contact with what is holy.*

CONSENT:

*GK: ‘to join in approval, agree, sympathize* (cf Rom 1:32)

What’s implied in **v12-14** is a **peaceful** engagement in the life of the marriage and family for God to work **through you**. Presumed is a ‘*consent’* 🡪 a **willingness** and **respect** of **differing** **perspectives** and **ability** to **communicate**, **talk** …even **yield.**

**Option 2:** Let the unbeliever divorce.

*Present indicative middle voice:*

*-the subject of the verb takes the initiative in the* ***act*** *of separation.*

*­*The unbeliever is taking the **action** to separate.

“Let it be so.”

*3rd person singular present imperative middle voice:*

- *let the separation takes place.*

Let it be so.

“In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved.  God has called you to **peace**.”

*GK: a state of harmony and good order.*

**Consideration 1:** You’re not to sacrifice who you are as a Christian just to keep an unbeliever in the marriage.

Gals- 1 Pet 3:1-6; Guys- Eph 5:22-33

**Consideration 2:** Don’t try to keep a marriage together for evangelism.