

# The Rule and Purpose of Marriage

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## Survey of Scripture

1. Marriage is to be between one man and one woman; neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband at the same time. (Gen 2:24 with Mat 19:5-6; Mal 2:15; 1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:6)
2. Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife (Gen. 2:18; Prov. 2:17; Mal. 2:14)
3. for the increase of mankind with a legitimate issue, and the preventing of uncleanness. (Gen 1:28; Psalm 127:3-5; 128:3-4; 1 Cor. 7:2,9)

## What Does This Not Teach Us?

1. Sam Waldron makes the comment that there are two deficiencies:
  - a. The first item lacking in its treatment is its failure to define marriage; it defines the \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage but not the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage.
  - b. The second item lacking are statements regarding \_\_\_\_\_
2. The statements of Scripture on the topic of divorce are of differing perspectives
  - a. We are told God \_\_\_\_\_ divorce: Malachi 2:16; Matthew 19:6
  - b. Christ tells us that only for \_\_\_\_\_ can one divorce: Matthew 19:9
  - c. Paul speaks that where divorce occurs \_\_\_\_\_ can also occur: 1 Cor. 7:15, 27-28, 39

- d. Forgiveness of the offending spouse is always the \_\_\_\_\_ path: Matthew 18:21-22

## What Does This Teach Us?

1. Marriage is to be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; 1 Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:6 plainly teach that the \_\_\_\_\_ for marriage is monogamy.
  - b. Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:5-6 plainly teach that this has been the norm for marriage since \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. In the day of the patriarchs polygamy was the \_\_\_\_\_ norm, but it was not \_\_\_\_\_ norm.
2. Marriage has \_\_\_\_\_ major purposes
  - a. The mutual help of husband and wife: \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:18-24)
  - b. Having \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 1:28; Ps. 127:3-5; 128:3-4)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ relationship (1 Cor 7:2-5, 9)