

# the consequences of IDEas

## the christian covenant of marriage

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As Christians we define right and wrong  
based on the nature and character of God as  
revealed in Jesus Christ as described in the Bible.

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### where did you get that idea?

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. <sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" <sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' <sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

**Matthew 19:1-6**

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## purpose of family...

Reflect the nature and glory of God  
and thus...

Create a foundation for society

Create a safe place for a man and a woman to compliment  
one another

Create a safe place to raise children

## but that's socially backwards

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" <sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. <sup>9</sup> I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

**Matthew 19:7-9**

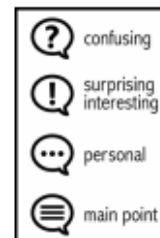
## are you serious?

The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry." <sup>11</sup> Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. <sup>12</sup> For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

**Matthew 19:10-12**

## next steps

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