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## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

### "Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage"

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1 Corinthians 7

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Introduction: Corinth was a troubled church.

1. To this point, Paul has been addressing problems that were reported to him and common knowledge.
2. Here in chapter 7, he begins answering questions the Corinthians had asked.
3. The first set of questions deal with marriage, divorce, and remarriage.
4. In a culture where the institution of marriage is in decline and divorce is commonplace, Paul's guidance is crucial.
5. Marriage and family are the bedrock of any society.
6. It should not be a surprise that marriage and family are under attack.
7. Paul can teach us to strengthen our homes.

#### I. Marriage

##### A. The Context

##### B. God's Prescription

#### II. Divorce

##### A. Within Believing Community

##### B. Within Mixed Marriages

#### III. Remarriage

##### A. A General Principle

##### B. A Specific Application

##### C. The Nature Of God

Conclusion: Please understand this is a limited, Corinth specific look at marriage.

1. The Bible has much more to say on the matter.
2. We would be wise to search out the "whole counsel of God."
3. At the same time, do not minimize Paul's teaching here.
4. In a culture of immorality, marriage is protective.
5. In a culture of "starter marriages" marriage is permanent.
6. In a culture of division, grace should prevail.