

CHRIST AND NO-FAULT DIVORCE

Matthew 5:31-32

I. Adultery is the precondition of lawful divorce.

II. Adultery is the postcondition of unlawful divorce.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is divorce? As Jesus addresses the subject of divorce, which of the ten commandments is He preaching?
2. What is no-fault divorce? How does it relate to the views of first-century Jews on divorce?
3. Did Moses command divorce? Does God anywhere command or encourage divorce?
4. Are there any legitimate reasons to pursue a divorce? Or is all divorce sinful?
5. How does unjust divorce lead to adultery?
6. Why is divorce so harmful?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does one's view of marriage determine their view of divorce?
2. How does American culture today encourage me to treat marriage and divorce lightly? How does Jesus encourage me otherwise?
3. Are adultery and divorce unpardonable sins? How does having a soul mastered by the gospel keep us from these sins?