

Turkey Branch Baptist Church
“The Gift of Marriage, the Curse of Divorce”
Matthew 19:1-12
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I. God created marriage.

- 1) Marriage is defined by God.

- 2) If only God can *make* a marriage, then only God can *break* a marriage.

II. God hates divorce.

III. God regulates divorce.

- 1) First allowance: sexual immorality

- 2) Second allowance: abandonment by an unbeliever

IV. God redeems divorce.

V. Practical Application.

- 1) Personal:
 - i. *Married:*
 - ii. *Considering divorce (w/out biblical grounds):*
 - iii. *Considering divorce (with biblical grounds):*
 - iv. *Divorced (with biblical grounds) and single:*
 - v. *Divorced (w/out biblical grounds) and single:*
 - vi. *Divorced (w/out biblical grounds) and remarried:*
- 2) Church:
 - i. *Comfort one another with love.*
 - ii. *Articulate a hatred of divorce.*



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