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## Matthew 19:3 NIV

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?"

# Matthew 19:4-6 NIV

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 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'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

## Matthew 19:7 NIV

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

#### Matthew 19:8 NIV

Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning."

#### Matthew 19:9 NIV

"I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 NIV

- So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new greation: the old has gone, the new is here!

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