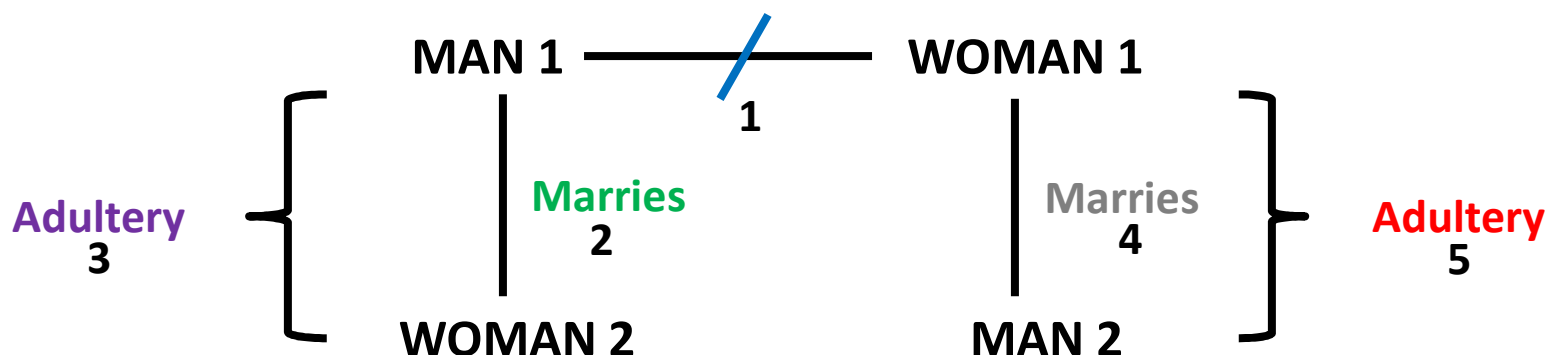


The Doctrine of Christ Regarding Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage

Luke 16:18

“Whoever¹ divorces his wife and² marries another³ commits adultery;
and whoever⁴ marries her who is divorced from her husband⁵ commits adultery.”



Matthew 19:3-12

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?” And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?” He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.” His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” But He said to them, “All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”

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Genesis 2:21-24

“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.’

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

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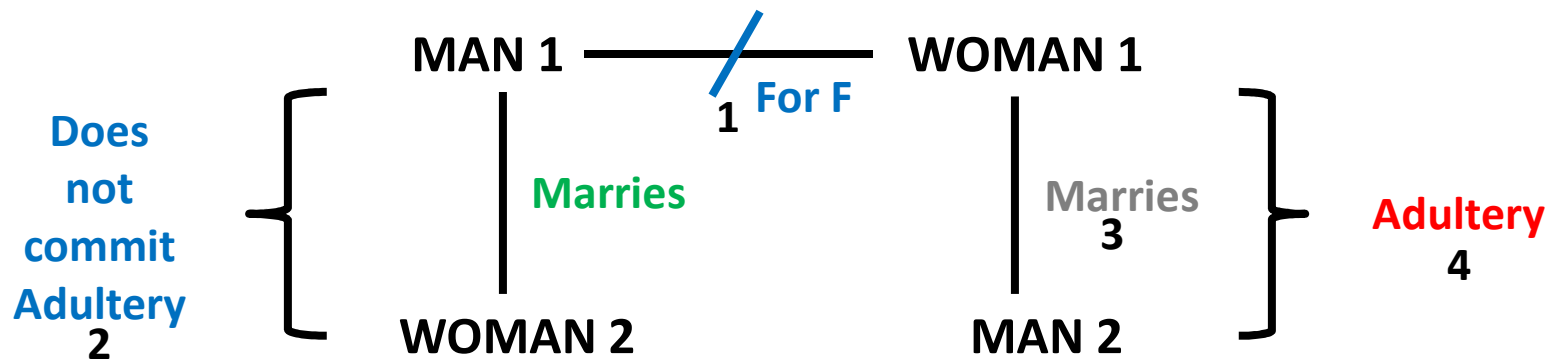
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The force of the exception



Mark 10:2-12

The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him. And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

Matthew 5:31-32

“Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

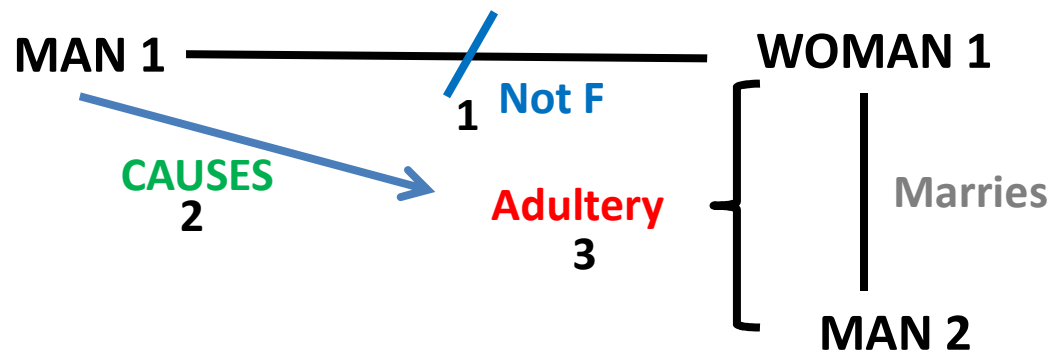
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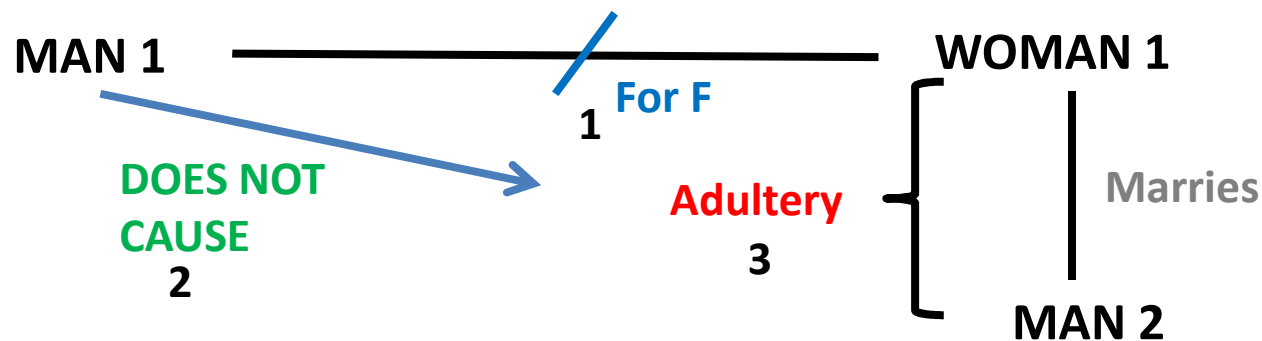


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The force of the exception: If he divorces her for sexual immorality, then he is not the cause of her adultery when she remarries



Romans 7:1-4

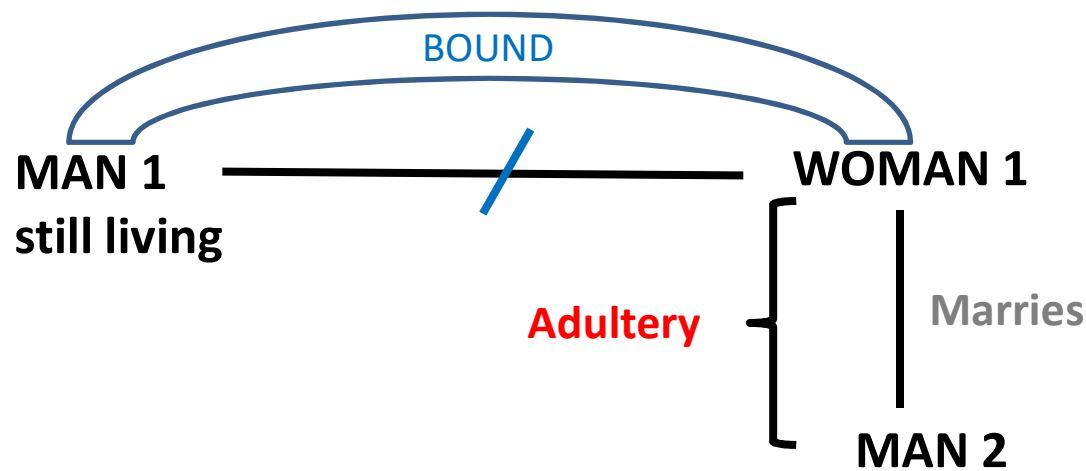
Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Romans 7:1-4

For the woman who has a husband is **bound** by the law to her husband as long as he lives.

But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an **adulteress**; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.



Why an adulteress? Because she is still BOUND to her first husband as long as he lives.

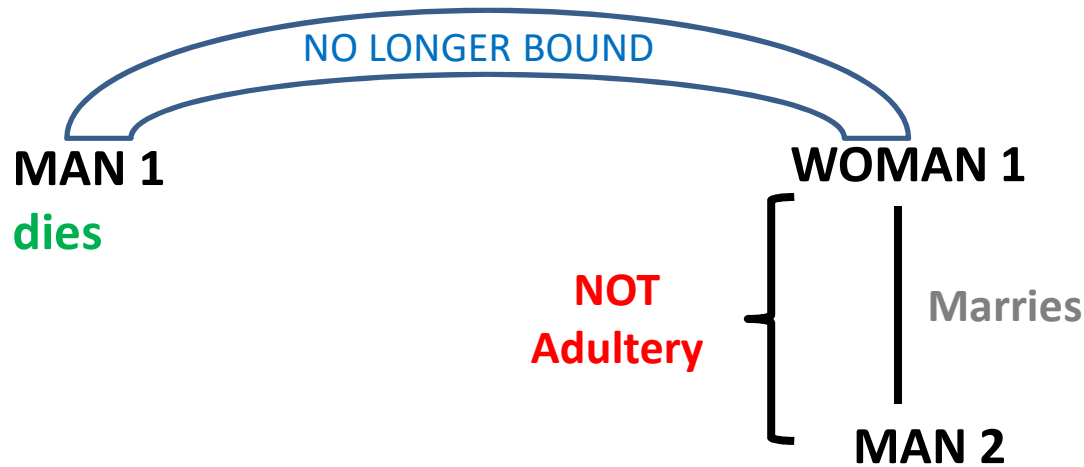
She is bound to one man while married to another.

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1 Corinthians 7:10-15

Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

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1 Corinthians 7:39

A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives;

but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

The Permanence of Marriage

- Marriage is of God's design
- Man and Woman
- Bound by God
- God hates divorce
- Fornicators and adulterers God will judge
 - Hebrews 13:4
 - Revelation 21:8

One lawful reason for lawfully married husband or wife to divorce his/her spouse

- The innocent husband or wife may divorce the guilty wife or husband for fornication
- No authority for:
 - A husband or wife divorcing their spouse for “just any reason”
- What about one living in adultery?
 - Repentance demands he/she divorce his/her wife/husband

Who may lawfully remarry?

- The one whose spouse has died
- The innocent man or woman who put away his/her wife/husband for fornication
- Remember from Matthew 19:9
 - When a lawfully married husband or wife puts away his/her wife/husband not for fornication, both his and her remarriages are adultery
 - When a husband or wife is put away for fornication, his/her remarriage is adultery