

**B**ible-believing Christians agree that it is essential to act on Jesus' words while the present storm of marital unfaithfulness and divorce swirls around us. Yet there is uncertainty about Jesus' commands concerning divorce and remarriage. Do we truly understand the words of Christ (and Paul)?

In *Divorce and Remarriage: A Permanence View*, the authors explain in detail why they believe that Jesus did not allow divorce for any reason and did not permit remarriage if a former spouse was living. This view proposes that the "exception clause" given by Jesus must be understood in its ethnic and exegetical context if Christ's intent for marriage is to be fully comprehended. The result is a perspective that harmonizes all of what Paul and the Gospels teach about divorce and remarriage.

**The authors' view is summarized in the following three statements:**

- 👁 The one-flesh union created in marriage is permanent until death.
- 👁 Initiating a divorce is never lawful.
- 👁 Remarrying after divorce is an act of adultery if a former spouse is living.

This book was born out of pastoral concern for believers facing difficult marriage issues and for church leaders who desire to express clearly what will happen when members divorce or remarry. Daryl Wingerd, Jim Elliff, Jim Chrisman, and Steve Burchett are elders of Christ Fellowship of Kansas City, Missouri, where the permanence view has been adopted and is lived out among its members.

Part one of *Divorce and Remarriage: A Permanence View* presents the biblical foundation of the permanence view. Part two shows how the permanence view works out in the family and in the local church.



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