Sermon Notes

Staying Married vs. Divorce

1 Corinthians 7:10-17 by Christian Sanich, 1/25/2020

There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

7:10-11 The Lord commands the husband and wife not to divorce.

If you leave or you send your spouse away, you must remain unmarried, or be reconciled to your spouse.

(ref.: Mark 10:2-12, Matthew 19:3-9)

It takes work to reconcile, but marriage takes work.

A Christian shouldn't marry a non-Christian in the first place. (ref.: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

7:12-17 If a Christian is married to a non-Christian, and the non-Christian is agreeing to stay together, the Christian must not initiate divorce.

You can stay in a marriage with your non-Christian spouse, and be good with God. They are sanctified.

If the non-Christian is leaving, the Christian should let him/her.

A Christian should not cause strife by initiating divorce based on religious differences. A Christian should not try to make their spouse divorce them, by being difficult, just so that the Christian can say the non-Christian left them.

By staying married, there is an opportunity to help get the spouse saved.

Stay with the non-Christian, if you are already married, and you live following Christ.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Ephesians 5:25, 1 Peter 3:1, 1 Cor. 7:3 If you would like to receive weekly sermon application questions, e-mail Christian@StoneCreekBibleChurch.org