

# LOVE IS

## 1 & 2 Corinthians

Week 7:

## 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

### Main Issues Addressed In 1 Corinthians

#### #1 - Division in the church - Chapters 1-4

- Superficial differences about leaders and styles
- Theological differences about wisdom and serving

#### #2 - Immorality in the church - Chapter 5-7

Issue #1 - 1 Corinthians 5 - Sexual Immorality

Issue #2 - 1 Corinthians 6 - Lawsuits and Legality

Issue #3 - 1 Corinthians 7 - Issues related to marriage

### 1 Corinthians 7:1-5

- A quote from the Corinthians - “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”

- This is an erroneous view. Corinth (Greek) culture was rampant with sexuality. Thousands of temple prostitutes were employed.

- The over-reaction by some Christian leaders through history is that we throw away culture instead of redeeming it.

- When we are “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24) - the actions I take independently help or harm the one

### 1 Corinthians 7:6-11

- Vs 6-7 - Paul is content with his situation (unmarried)
- Vs 8-9 - If you can not be contently unmarried - marry!

- Vs 10-11 - Married believers should make every attempt to remain married. If they separate - they should seek first restoration or singleness

### 1 Corinthians 7:12-16

- Vs 12-13 - The believer with an unbelieving spouse should not seek a divorce. (Ezra 10)
  - Verse 14 - “made holy” is not a salvation term
  - it is an exception to the teaching in 1 Corinthians 6:15
- Vs 15 - If the unbeliever separates, the believer is free to pursue singleness or marriage.
- Vs 16 - Peace and gospel growth is the ideal

### 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 - An example...

- Vs. 17 - Live the life God has called you to lead
- Circumcision, slavery, and marriage are not the conditions that Jesus came to redeem
- The Gospel restores our sinful condition with God into a right relationship with Him. That right relationship then grows into wisdom that leads us through life issues
- Don't become slaves to the issues of mankind. Redeeming issues in our lives and culture begins on the inside.

For us:

- Are you living as God has called - married/unmarried?
- Are you content as God has God?
- If issues are present spiritually or sexually in your life, what is your next step to redeem it?