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SERIES THREE

MODULE 8

STUDY 2

STUDY QUESTIONS

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Study Questions

The following questions have been designed to assess how much you have understood and retained from your studies.

We understand that not everyone doing the studies will agree with every single point contained therein. However, students are required to answer the questions in accordance with the study material contained in the study booklets.

Answer and number all questions, giving two or three scriptures with each answer wherever possible. Also give an explanation, whenever possible, of how you arrived at your answer.

*For ease of correction **write/type the actual question on your answer sheet before answering each question.***

1. How does Jesus say we are to fulfill all God's Law today?
2. How do we operate under the law of love, what is this synonymous with, and what are we set free from as we do so?
3. With what motivation would Old Covenant laws have been obeyed and how does this differ from our situation today?
4. What does it mean to "take up one's cross" ? Explain fully.
5. Hebrews 8:10 says ". . . *I will put My laws into their mind and write them in their hearts . . .*" Contrast this promise to the way the Law of Moses was given and received, and state what is the added grace available.
6. How do we become the person we were created to be?

7. Discuss some of the ways in which the Divine institution of marriage is under attack by Satan in this day and age.
8. Why is Satan so intent on destroying the Divine institution of marriage?
9. We need the wisdom of the Word of God and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, not psychology, to help us deal with personal and relationship problems. Discuss this statement.
10. On what should unity in Christian marriages be based? Explain your answer.
11. To what is Malachi 2:13-16 referring, and about what is the Lord warning His people (this includes Christians today) in these verses?
12. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus about the divorce issue, and why did they do so?
13. When will God actually approve of divorce proceedings?
14. Why is a marriage by the state alone accepted as scriptural and valid in God's eyes?
15. According to God's established pattern, what is marriage, and how is the marriage relationship intended to function?
16. How is marriage enacted (established)?
17. On Jesus' authority, the only legitimate ground for divorce is "fornication." Scripturally speaking, what does this word mean, and to what situations can it refer?

18. Using scripture, explain why adultery alone does not constitute sufficient grounds for a Christian to divorce their spouse.
- 19 (a) Describe the responsibility of a Christian whose spouse has been found to be having an affair but now desires to repent and reconcile the marriage.
 - (b) What would this person need to help them, and what kind of process would be involved?
20. Establish the difference between “adultery” and “fornication,” then explain the statement, “all fornicators are adulterers, but not all adulterers are fornicators.”
21. Some in the Church think that all Christians who have been divorced and then remarry, are living in adultery. What is wrong with this belief? Give scriptural backing for your answer.
- 22 (a) To what is 1 Corinthians 7:12-15 referring?
 - (b) If the Christian partner is no longer “*under bondage*” (1 Corinthians 7:15), what does this mean?
 - (c) Therefore, apart from the grounds of fornication, what is the only other case where a Christian can obtain a scripturally legitimate divorce?
23. How would you counsel another Christian in regard to them choosing their life’s partner, and what qualities would you advise them to look for?
24. If Christians divorce outside scriptural guidelines and then remarry, in what state will the new marriage partners be living, and why is this so?

25. What is the Biblical position of widows and widowers in relation to remarriage?
26. If a scripturally legal divorce releases the innocent party from his/her obligations to the marriage, what does it also give this person the right to do?
27. A Christian who has been legitimately divorced and then remarries, should not be treated as a “second-class Christian.” Discuss.
28. The New Covenant guidelines for divorce, as outlined by Jesus, are more stringent than the Old Covenant guidelines. What is the difference between the two, and on what was this increased stringency based?
29. The Australian Family Law Act today has embraced the concept of “no fault divorce.” What Divine principle of justice does this negate?
30. Looking at Deuteronomy 24:1 and the principle of the guilty and the innocent, who only can break the bond of marriage in God’s eyes? Explain.
- 31 (a) What is a Bill of Divorcement, for what purpose is it used, and how is this end result achieved?

(b) When is a Bill of Divorcement not needed?
32. If a Christian has been wrongfully divorced by their spouse, to properly terminate the marriage in a spiritual sense, what must they do and why? Give scriptural support for your answer.

33. What will remain in force if Christians divorce unscripturally?
34. Even if a Christian has experienced a “porneia” divorce, what will result if the guilty has divorced the innocent, and why is this so?
35. When unsaved people divorce and remarry, how do they stand in relation to:
 - (a) Biblical laws pertaining to guilt and innocence?
 - (b) Spiritual adultery upon remarriage?
36. What kinds of consequences come into play when Christians who have been unscripturally divorced, remarry?
37. Should a Christian spouse forgive their husband or wife who is involved in fornication? Explain your answer, stating what their responsibility is in this situation and why.
38. A Christian realizes, after studying God’s Word concerning divorce and remarriage, that they have divorced their original Christian partner unscripturally before remarrying. They have been counselled to return to their former spouse as this is the only “right” marriage in God’s eyes. What would you advise them to do?
- 39 (a) Are Christians who divorce unscripturally and then remarry living in a state of mortal sin, therefore being unsaved? Explain your answer.
 - (b) What can be done to rectify this situation and free all those concerned from bondage?

40. It was forbidden under Mosaic Law for a man to remarry his former wife (after the dissolving of her second marriage). What is our position in Christ regarding this situation and why?

41. Why is the application of sound Biblical truth to this area of divorce, marriage and remarriage so sorely needed in the Church today?

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