

- I. Introduction.**
  - A. Hebrews 9:27** tells us that “man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment”; this judgment at death determines our eternal destiny.
  - B. Those “under law”** (those without Christ) will be judged according to the law; because they are not perfect (see Gal. 3:10; James 3:10; and Rom. 3:23) they will be condemned to a life of eternal torment (see John 3:16-18).
  - C. Those “under grace”** (those who have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord) have been released from the law (they are not judged according to the law) and have received eternal life – life in God’s presence throughout eternity.
- II. Released Through Death (v.1).**
  - A. The law has authority over a man only as long as he lives.**
  - B. Death releases you from the authority of the law.**
  - C. Three truths about marriage (v.2,3).**
    - 1. Marriage was/is designed by God to be a life-long relationship (see Matt. 19:6).**
    - 2. Death breaks the marriage bond.**
    - 3. If a spouse uses unbiblical grounds to get a divorce and remarries, he/she commits adultery.**
- III. God’s Word on Divorce and Remarriage.**
  - A. A divorced person can remarry if he/she was divorced prior to his/her conversion (see 2 Cor. 5:17).**
  - B. A divorced person can remarry if sexual immorality prompted the divorce (see Matt. 19:9).**
  - C. A divorced person can remarry if willful, permanent desertion prompted the divorce (1 Cor. 7:12-15).**
- IV. Released to Serve (v.4-6).**
  - A. Followers of Christ have died to the law and are under Christ’s authority; in and through Christ they are expected to bear godly fruit ...to live a life that honors God (see Eph. 2:10); good works are the fruit of salvation.**
  - B. As followers of Jesus we must strive to say “no” to sin and “yes” to him; we must submit, not to the sinful nature within us, but the Holy Spirit within us.**
  - C. If we do this – if we love and serve our Redeemer – we will experience a fulfilling life here and now and live in God’s presence throughout eternity.**