Outline – Sunday Service August 16th, 2026

Sermon Title: How Then Shall We LIVE?

"Biblical Advice on Marriage & Divorce" – Part 2

REMAIN or be RECONCILED!

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthains 5:17-21; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

PART 1

1. The **PURPOSE** of *remaining* unmarried when divorced for illegitimate ***reasons***: God's *Glory*. vv. 10-11
   A. The Lordship of Christ: He hates Divorce! He has the right to *command* all NEW Creatures in Him since, by his death, we are ***purchased***. Ex. 20:1-3; Mal. 2:13-16; Ps. 5:5; 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; 1 Pet. 1:13-19; Matt. 7:21-24
   B. The Limitations of Christians: Having already *crossed* a line in our relationship with Christ, we are forbidden to remarriage or engage sexually with another ***person***. vv. 8; Gen. 2:16-17; Ex. 20:1-2, 14; Matt. 5:27-30; 19:9; Mark 10:11-12
   C. The Liberties of the Converted: They are allowed to stay unmarried, faithfully serve the Lord, and remain faithful in their still-abiding *covenant* in sexual ***purity***. **1 Cor. 7:32-36**

PART 2

2. The **PREFERENCE** to *reconciling* with one's spouse & have the marriage ***renewed***: God's *Grace*. vv. 11
   A. It's a *representation* of God's ***faithfulness*** to display the Glory of Christ and his union with Church in the New Covenant. Gen. 2:24-25; Jer. 31:31-34; Ez. 36:25-36; Eph. 5:31-32
   B. It's a *replication* of God's ***forgiveness*** of sinners. Ps. 85:2; 103:1-3, 7-12; Eph. 4:32; 1 John 1:9
   C. It's a *revitalization* of God's ***fear*** in both reconciled parties. Ps. 130:3-4

3. The **PROCESS** to *restoring* a broken marriage ***relationship***: God's *Gospel*. 2 Cor. 5:17-21
   A. The *sins* which caused the ***breech*** & created a barrier of offence and hostility must be recognized as the **PROBLEM**: for so it is between God & Man. Deut. 31:17-18; 32:20; Prov. 15:29; Ez. 39:24; Mic. 3:4; Is. 50:1; 59:2; Col. 1:21
   B. The *sacrifice* of Christ in the shedding of his ***blood*** for all our offenses must be realized as the basis of our **PARDON**. Rom. 5:10; 1 John 1:9
   C. The *substitution* of Christ in the offering up of his ***body*** for our sins is what restored the relationship horizontally & vertically, bringing about **PEACE**! Eph. 2:11-16
   D. The *scriptures* provide the ***binding*** Word of how we must address sin, how we must acknowledge it, and repent of it for reconciliation in marriage to occur according to Divine **PROTOCOL**. Ps. 32:1-6; Jer. 3:12-14; Matt. 5:22-25; 18:15-17; James 5:16; 2 Cor. 5:18-21