

**A Biblical Study of
The Catechism
of the Catholic Church:
Bible Answers to the Most
Frequently Asked Questions
about Catholic Beliefs and Practices**

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CAN MARRIAGES
BE ANNULLED?

WHAT ABOUT
REARRIAGE?

“The Church, after an examination of the situation by the competent ecclesiastical tribunal can declare the nullity of a marriage, i.e., that the marriage never existed. In this case the contracting parties are free to marry, provided the natural obligations of a previous union are discharged.” (CCC 1629)

“A case of marriage with disparity of cult (between a Catholic and a non-baptized person) requires even greater circumspection” (1633)

“the remarriage of persons divorced from a living, lawful spouse contravenes the plan and law of God as taught by Christ. They are not separated from the Church, but they cannot receive Eucharistic communion.” (CCC 1665)

[Encouragement to divorce if
your wife does not obey you]
Sirach 25:35-36 “If she walk
not at thy hand, she will
confound thee in the sight of
thy enemies. 36 Cut her off
from thy flesh, lest she
always abuse thee.”

Mark 10:7–9 ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, [8] and the two shall become one flesh.’

So they are no longer two but one flesh. [9] What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (ESV)

Romans 7:2–3 “For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. [3]

Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.” (ESV)

1 Corinthians 7:39 “A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.” (ESV)

Is the concept of
“annulment” (that a “marriage
never existed”) a biblical
concept? If so, where?

How does that differ with
Romans 7:2 and 1 Corinthians
7:39 saying that only death ends
a marriage?

Does the Bible ever distinguish
between marriages inside or
outside the church?

Is it right to provide an avenue
of allow marriage to a non-
believer when the Bible
prohibits it clearly
(1 Corinthians 7:39)?

Why would Sirach
25:35-36 encourage
divorce in such a
sweeping manner? Does
the Bible encourage it or
permit it on rare
occasions?

Is not withholding
Eucharistic
communion
withholding
forgiveness?

SEE: “What Does the Bible
Say about Divorce and
Remarriage?”

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