

# Jesus vs. Pharisees on Marriage & Divorce

Series: Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:31-32

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Jesus continues to shatter the Pharisees' traditional ritualistic teaching on important issues of the law. In our passage today, Jesus prohibits cavalier divorce, and cuts to the heart of the rabbis' debate on how readily a man could gain the right to divorce his wife.

**Background** (cp. Matt. 19:3-9):

Rabbi Shammai (strict) =

Rabbi Hillel (lax) =

1. The Pharisees were preoccupied with the grounds for D \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus with the I \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage.
2. The Pharisees called Moses' provision for divorce a C \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus called it a C \_\_\_\_\_ to the hardness of human hearts.
3. The Pharisees regarded divorce L \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus took it very S \_\_\_\_\_.

**God's Healing Grace:**

1<sup>st</sup> – God is patient and F \_\_\_\_\_.

2<sup>nd</sup> – God graciously F \_\_\_\_\_.