God’s Simple Marriage Law
Rom. 7:1-3

Introduction:
A. God’s rule concerning marriage is as basic as creation itself.
   1. One man for one woman for life.
   2. Exceptions have been granted.
      a. By Moses, but from beginning not so. (Matt. 19)
      b. By many, but still from beginning it was not so.
B. God’s rule concerning marriage is clearly stated in the New Testament.

Discussion:
I. The Basic Rule Of Marriage.
   A. Bound as long as live, freed only by death. (Rom. 7:1-3).
   B. Divorce “for just any reason” is not lawful. (Matt. 19:3).

II. The One Authorized Exception, Divinely Revealed.
   A. Twice stated by Jesus.
      1. Matt. 5:31, 32 deals with the one put away for other causes.
         a. Either causes or makes her an adulteress by temptation placed on her.
         b. Or “makes her an adulteress” in sense of “making Him a liar” (cf. 1 John 1:9)
         c. In either case, the second marriage is adultery without the exception.
         a. Nothing hard to understand about the question.
         b. Nothing hard to understand about the answer.
         c. Sometimes hard to apply. (cf. v.12).
   B. Stated by only one who has right make exception.

III. The Many Unauthorized Exceptions, Humanly Reasoned.
   A. Some find reasons to cancel the one exception.
      1. “Jesus only correcting abuses of Moses’ Law, so was giving rule for that dispensation”.
      2. “Exception not mentioned after church established.”
      3. “No exception easier to consistently apply.”
   B. Others find reasons go grant additional exceptions.
      1. “Alien not subject to marriage law”
      2. “Adultery breaks all the bonds.”
      3. “No such thing as ‘living in adultery’” (cf. Col. 3:5-7)
      4. “Sin in marrying again, but may remain in marriage”
      5. “Unfair for one put away from no cause”. - Mental Divorce.
      6. “Paul grants another exception in 1 Cor.7:15”
      7. “What if.............”

C. No matter how reasonable a position seems, if it flies in face of plain revelation, it is a false position (cf. Rom. 5:21;6:1,2;6:15).

Conclusion:
A. God has spoken on marriage.
B. “Let God be true, and every man a liar”.
C. Let us be governed by what Bible says, not by what our emotions would like for it to say.