

This week topic is the usage of words in the King James Bible and other Modern Translation. You have all heard various differences in the two but here is some study lesson that will help understand the difference.

The difference between fornication and adultery. I have wondered what is the difference and is there a difference. Well there is. Take a look at this.

### 1) Fornication and Adultery - The Bible Definition

The correct Biblical definition of these terms with respect to sexual sins is as follows:

#### **Adultery**

**Illicit intimate sex between one man and one woman whereby the offender (the Adulterer) is currently Married.**

#### **Fornication**

**Illicit intimate sex between one man and one woman whereby the offender (the Fornicator) is currently NOT married.**

Obviously, one partner may be a Fornicator, while the other partner is an Adulterer. Again notice that these definitions refer to specific sins committed by specific individuals. Miss this point and you're on your own with regard to

correct Biblical interpretation and resultant applications.

We can easily determine these definitions to be correct from the Bible as follows . . .

### **For Fornication - - -**

[1 Corinthians 7](#) (KJV)

**2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.**

The Apostle Paul is saying that if a person is married, then by definition, they cannot be a Fornicator.

### **For Adultery - - -**

[Mark 10](#) (KJV)

**11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.**

[Leviticus 20](#) (KJV)

**10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.**

The Bible is saying that only the married can commit adultery. Thus the resultant definitions mean that . . .

**Adultery and Fornication are - - - - MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE**

**Webster defines Adultery as:**

Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married man and someone other than his wife or between a married woman and someone other than her husband.

The Bible agrees with the above definition.

**Webster defines Fornication as:**

Consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other.

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Now let us take a look.

KJV

Matthew 19: 9

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except [it be] for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

This mean that if you marry a women and she says she is a virgin and she is not. you have the right to divorce. now.

If you commit adultery which means looking, lusting, sleeping with another women that is not grounds for divorce. this

is done all the time by men. Jesus Christ does not condone divorce.

shows when marriage is necessary

Matthew 19: 10-12

10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with [his] wife, it is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them, **All [men] cannot receive this saying, save [they] to whom it is given.**

12 **For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from [their] mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive [it], let him receive [it].**

Now lets look at ESV

9 **And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."**

This is different. This says that if you commit adultery you can divorce. ONLY MARRIED PEOPLE CAN COMMIT ADULTERY. SO IF YOU SLEEP WITH SOME ONE BEFORE YOU MARRY THAT IS FORNICATION NOT ADULTERY.

This is why fornication is taking out of the newer translation. Fornication means something different than adultery. Jesus wants us to forgive all things in a marriage. Seventy seven times a day. Lets look at scripture.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18: 25

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

to commit adultery

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time,  
Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not [that] thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Can we be forgiven for breaking the rules?

Acts 10:43

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins

describes the true Christ

Colossians 1:14

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased [the Father] that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [I say], whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven.

Jesus forgive all BUT this is why we have problems on Earth because we commit sin and must pay for things that we do wrong. It is not impossible to be forgiven and live as a righteous man. My brothers do not be afraid of the enemy. The devil and his elite group of followers are in the dark. This is why they glorify themselves so much. Do not be afraid of the doctrine of Jesus Christ , it brings a great reward.

Mark 8:34 "And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Luke 9:23 "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Matthew 10:38 "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

Luke 14:26,27 "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own

life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 16:28

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

25 **For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**

26 **For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

27 **For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

28 **Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.**

Check these Numbers

## Divorce Statistics

### Top 5 Highest and Lowest Divorce rates per State

Rate: States with Lowest Divorce Rate:

[2.4](#) Massachusetts

[2.8](#) Connecticut

[3.0](#) New Jersey

[3.2](#) Rhode Island

Rate: States with Highest Divorce Rate:

[9.0](#) Nevada

[7.1](#) Arkansas

[6.7](#) Oklahoma

[6.6](#) Tennessee



[3.3](#) New York[6.5](#) Wyoming**Number of Divorces per State (1998):**

Alabama	26274	Kentucky	22369	North Dakota	2087
Alaska	3212	Louisiana	---	Ohio	46042
Arizona	25798	Maine	5132	Oklahoma	19971
Arkansas	15376	Maryland	16397	Oregon	15208
California	---	Massachusetts	16524	Pennsylvania	38509
Colorado	---	Michigan	38882	Rhode Island	3165
Connecticut	9615	Minnesota	15319	South Carolina	14608
Delaware	3400	Mississippi	12976	South Dakota	2591
D.C.	1096	Missouri	25799	Tennessee	34509
Florida	80136	Montana	3351	Texas	---
Georgia	35753	Nebraska	6376	Utah	8835
Hawaii	4810	Nevada	14818	Vermont	2559
Idaho	7018	New Hampshire	7021	Virginia	29965
Illinois	40549	New Jersey	25295	Washington	28786
Indiana	---	New Mexico	8039	West Virginia	9314
Iowa	9546	New York	45781	Wisconsin	17665
Kansas	10691	North Carolina	36832	Wyoming	2834

## Divorce Statistics: USA Divorce Statistics

Total divorces granted in 1997:	,1 <u>163,000</u>
Average length of divorce proceedings in 1997:	1 year
Median age at first divorce:	Males: <u>30.5</u> Females: 29
Median age at second divorce:	Males: <u>39.3</u> Females: 37
Number of people divorcing yearly as of 1997:	2.5 million
People who are divorced (2000):	Males: <u>8,572,000</u> (8.3%) (8.3%) Females: <u>11,309,000</u> (10.2%)
People who are separated (2000):	Males: <u>1,818,000</u> (1.8%) Females: <u>2,661,000</u> (2.4%) (2.4%)

## Divorce Statistics: Christian Faith Groups:

Christian Faith Groups:	Divorced or had been Divorced:
Non-denominational (independent)	34%
Baptists	29%
Mainline Protestants	25%
Mormons	24%
Catholics	21%

Lutherans

21%

## The shocking state of Black marriage: experts say many will never get married

by Joy Bennett Kinnon

THE good news is that the Black marriage rate seems to be on the upswing--from [46.1](#) percent in 1996 to [47.9](#) percent in 2001--after a 40-year downward spiral.

But the slight increase is only one cheerful note in an otherwise mournful tune. The bad news is that the number of Black married couples is only half the number of married Whites, and the situation is getting worse. In 1963 when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech, more than 70 percent of all Black families were headed by married couples. In 2002 that number was 48 percent.

An even more alarming statistic is the increase in the number of both Black men and women who have never been married. Nearly 45 percent of Black men have never married and 42 percent of Black women have never married. More to the point, an increasing number of Black women will never get married. The percentage of Black women who are married declined from 62 percent to 31 percent between 1950 and 2002.

Not only are African-Americans marrying at a lower rate, they are also marrying at a later age. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies reports that by the age of [30](#), [81](#) percent of White women and 77 percent of Hispanics and Asians will marry, but that only 52 percent of Black women will marry by that age. Black women are also the least likely to re-marry following divorce. Only 32 percent of Black women will get married again within five years of divorce; that figure [is 58](#) percent for White women and 44 percent for Hispanic women.

Thus, we have another major crisis on our hands. Quiet as it's kept, we are confronted with one of the biggest crises in the history of African-American people.