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Marriage & Divorce #1 - An Introduction And Overview

Why So Terribly Controversial And Contested?

Baptism



Immersion, Pouring, or Sprinkling ?
Babies, Infants, Teens, Adults ?
Before, During, or After Salvation?
To Forgive Sins or Only After Forgiveness ?
Essential to Salvation or Not ?
Should the Living be Baptized for the Dead ?
Any Old Water or Only “Holy Water”?
Does God Even Care ?

- All Fiercely Contested -

WHY IS THIS SO DIFFICULT ?

Past Teachers
Length of Conviction
Family Entanglements
The Devil's Distractions

An underwater photograph showing sunlight rays filtering through the surface of the water, creating a shimmering effect. The water is a deep blue color.

Yet, The Truth
Is There For All To Find



1 Corinthians 7

**Married
Saints**

3-7

10f

17-24

27a

29-35

39f

**Un-
Married**

1f

6f

8f

17-24

27b

28

29-35

Widows

1f

6f

8f

17-24

27b

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39f

**Mixed
Married**

6f

12-16

17-24

27a

29-35

39f

Virgins

1f

6f

17-24

25f

28

29-35

Parents

1f

6f

17-24

29-35

36-38

2-7, 9, 36, 37 (9 verses)

BETTER TO MARRY THAN TO BURN

1, 8, 10-14, 17-24, 26f, 40 (18 verses)

REMAIN IN THE CONDITION IN WHICH YOU'RE CALLED

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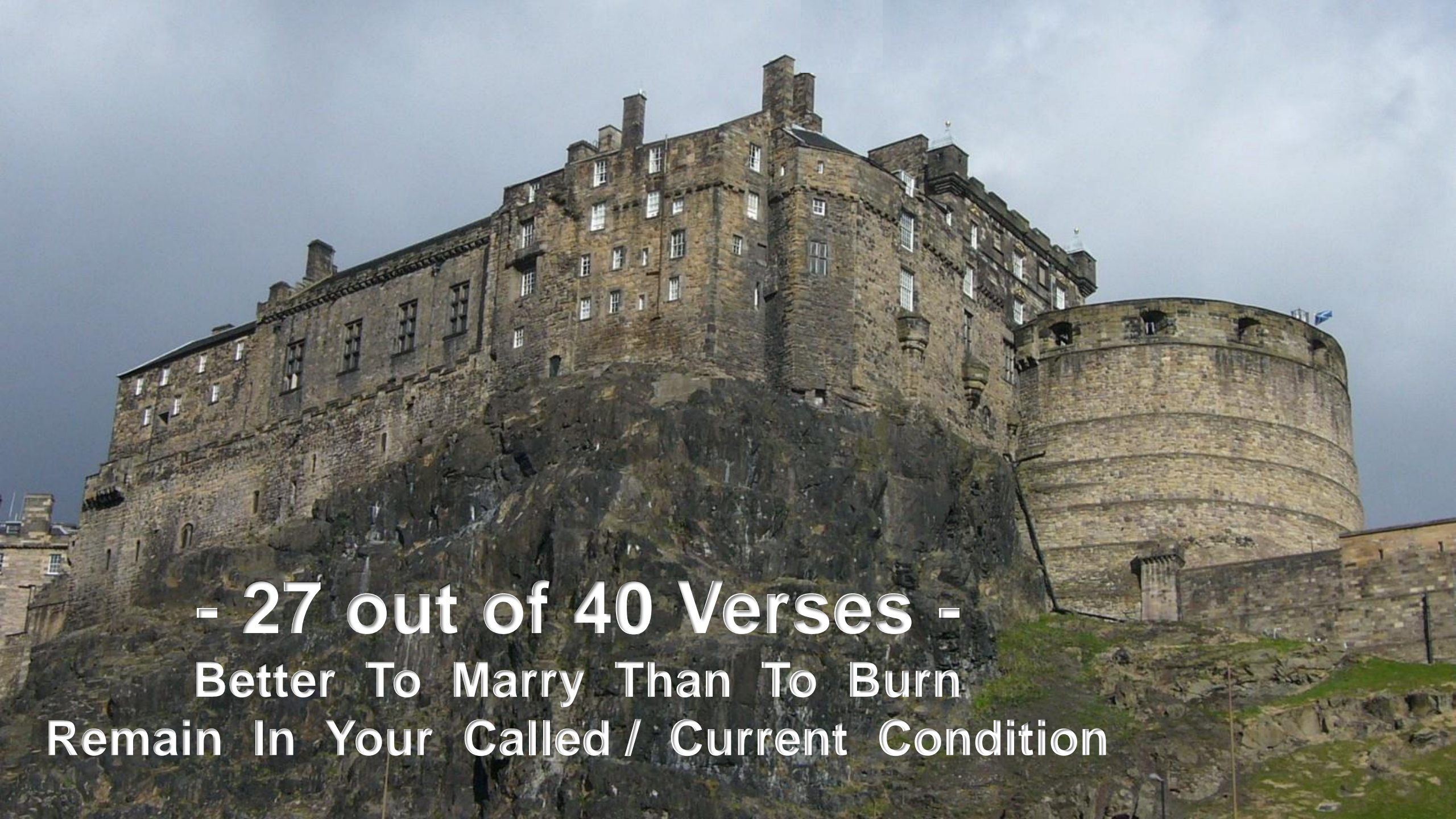
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BETTER TO MARRY THAN BURN

REMAIN IN CALLED / CURRENT CONDITION



- 27 out of 40 Verses -
Better To Marry Than To Burn
Remain In Your Called / Current Condition

God's Fearful Warnings

1 Timothy 4:1-3

The Spirit explicitly says that in later times
some will fall away from the faith,
paying attention to deceitful spirits
and doctrines of demons,
by means of the hypocrisy of liars
seared in their own conscience
as with a branding iron,
men who forbid marriage...

God's Fearful Warnings

Malchi 2:14-16

**“The Lord has been a witness
between you and the wife of your youth,
against whom you have dealt treacherously,
though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.
Not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit.
Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal
treacherously against the wife of your youth.
For I hate divorce” says the Lord, the God of Israel ...**

God's Fearful Warnings

DOCTRINES OF DEMONS

Forbidding Marriage
Commanding Divorce

Recent Census Figures (2018)

Total U. S. Population = 328.23 Million

Divorce Percentage Ranges from 10 to 40%

Total Divorcees = 33 Million (using 10% rate)

33 Million Divorcees Living Today

33,000,000

Divorcees Living in U.S. Today

465,595

Clergy in the Entire Catholic Church (Worldwide)

$$\begin{array}{r} 465,595 \\ \times 70.9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$33,000,000$$

FORBIDDING MARRIAGE
REQUIRES 71 TIMES
MORE PEOPLE IN THE U.S.
TO REMAIN CELIBATE
THAN THERE ARE
CATHOLIC CLERGY ON EARTH.

1 Corinthians 7:7

"I wish all men
were even as I myself am.

However, each man
has his own gift from God,
one in this manner, and another in that."

Do all 33 Million American Divorcees
HAVE PAUL'S GIFT?

DO ONLY THOSE
HAVING PAUL'S GIFT
GET DIVORCED ?

