

# Divorce and Remarriage

We believe that the Lord hates divorce and intends for marriage to be a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman until one of the spouses dies. Divorce and remarriage are regarded in scripture as adultery. We do believe that God can forgive the sin of adultery as pictured in **John 4:16-29; 8:1-11; 1 John 1:9**. We also affirm that divorced and remarried persons can hold positions of service in the church and be used of God for Christian service. We do, however, believe that the offices of Pastor and Deacon cannot be held by a divorced person (**Mal. 2:14-17; Matt. 19:3-12; Rom. 7:1-3; 1 Tim. 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6**).