



## Dear Brother Faull,

I have read some of your writings on homosexuality.

I see and know where it states in the Holy Bible that a man is to leave his mother and father and take a wife and they are one flesh.

Now my question is this – Is a single person that never marries, a sinner because he did not take a wife? It has been boggling my mind! I would appreciate an answer. I guess I am not talking of priests. And now I am not sure if any of Jesus' disciples had wives, do you know if they did? Sorry – one question turned into two as I wrote this.

## ANSWER:

Hello and thank you for writing.

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." **Hebrews 13:4**

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD." **Proverbs 18:22**

"House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD." **Proverbs 19:14**

These are just a few Scriptures that shows marriage is approved of God.

In **I Corinthians 7**, however, the Bible teaches that celibacy is a gift from God – vs 7. Not everyone can remain chaste as a single person. If he needs to marry let him marry. **I Corinthians 7:36-37**

By reading **I Corinthians 7** you will see that during times of persecution (the present distress) Paul encouraged people not to marry, but that if they did, they did not sin – vs 27-28.

We are informed in the first part of the chapter that marriage is to keep people from committing fornication – vs 2. If one could not abstain from fornication, Paul encouraged them to go ahead and marry – vs 8-9.

When Jesus gave His teaching in **Matthew 19** one of the disciples said, "Well if that is the case, it is not good to marry." Jesus said not everyone could stay single but if you can do so, fine.

He also added that some were eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake, that is, they remained unmarried in order to do the work of the Kingdom. But remember, Paul says that remaining single is a gift and he wished people could be like him and remain unmarried.

Remember that Peter had a mother-in-law. Most of the Apostles were married as you can see by reading **I Corinthians 9:5**, "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?" I think you will see that the apostles were all married except Paul.

Remember that it is the doctrine of devils that forbid one to marry.

**I Timothy 4:1-3**, "1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 **Forbidding to marry, and commanding** to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

On the other hand, though Adam and Noah were commanded to populate the earth, it does not follow that one has to marry or have children.

Since God has given the gift of celibacy, some use this gift to the glory of Christ. Reading **I Corinthians 7** I think will clear all that up.

In the New Testament, the Bible teaches that all Christians are priests and there is no such office as priest in the New Testament Scriptures.

**I Peter 2:5, 9**, “5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”

**Revelation 1:6**, “And **hath made us kings and priests unto God** and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

**Revelation 5:10**, “**And hast made us unto our God kings and priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.”

All Christians are also called “saints”.

The idea that there is a special class of men who are priests who cannot marry or that extremely righteous men become saints after death is an idea that is foreign to the New Testament.

Notice that most of the books of the New Testament written by Paul are addressed to the saints in certain cities. A saint is one sanctified and all Christians are sanctified.

One last thought that may help you. God told Noah to build an ark and Abraham to sacrifice his son. He did not tell us to do that. Here is a good rule to help understand Scripture...Determine:

1. Who is speaking?
2. To whom is he speaking?
3. For what purpose is he speaking?
4. In what dispensation is he speaking? (The age before the Law, during the Law, or after the Law?)

The devil speaks in the Scripture but he has no authority over us so we do not do as he says. Sometimes it may be God speaking, but He is speaking to a particular person. (“Noah, build an ark...”)

It may be a command for a particular purpose. (God told Jeremiah not to marry due to the fact that he was to warn people of the coming siege on Jerusalem.)

It may have been to someone who was living under the Mosaic Law. (Offer a sacrifice, or circumcise your child.) The New Testament book of Acts through Revelation reveals the standard we are to follow today in addition to the principles of Christ.

Hopefully, this has been helpful.