

Questions And Answers On Divorce

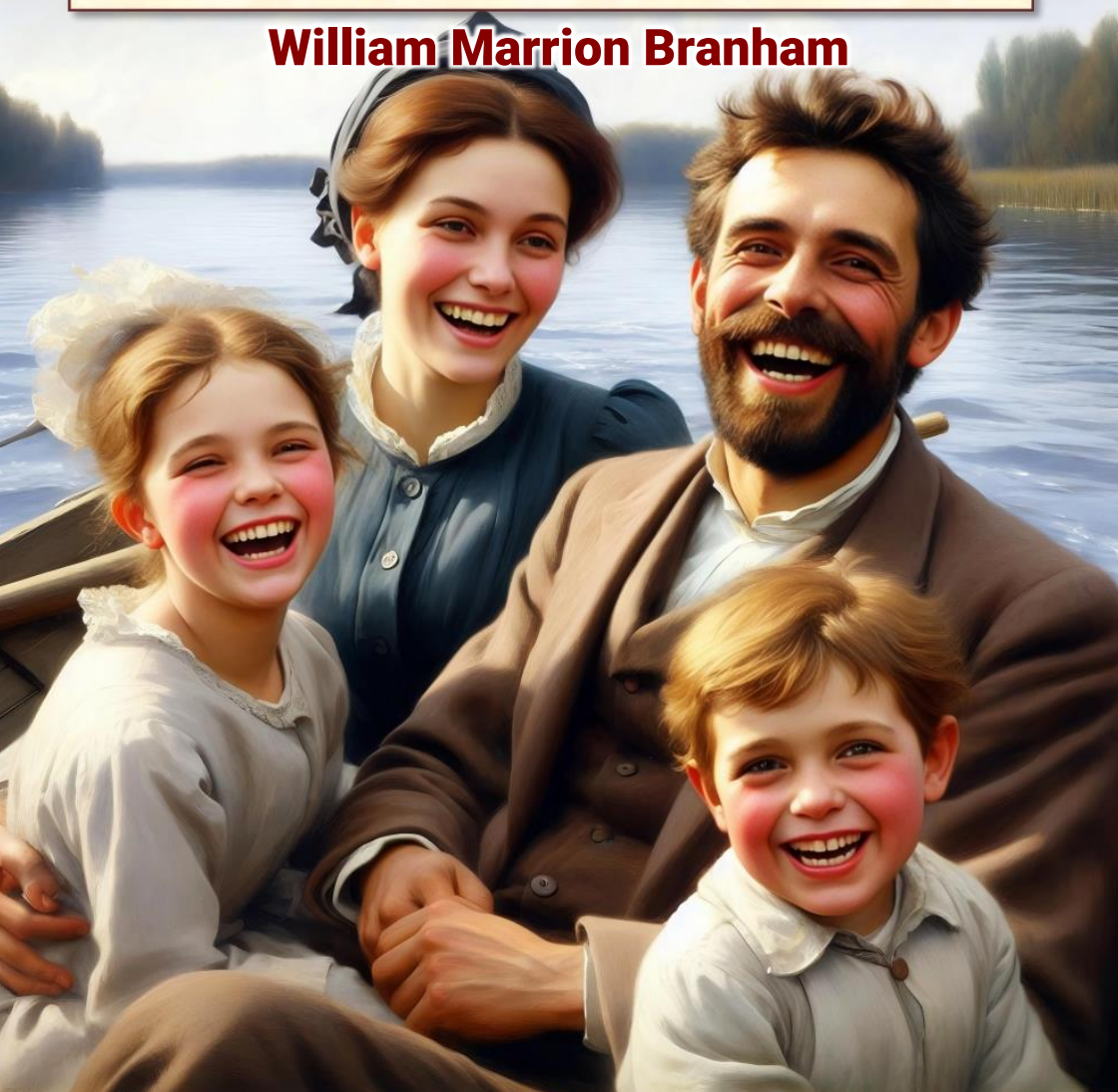
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*Title: 64-0823M — Questions And
Answers #1*

**274. Dear Brother Branham:
My wife and I were separated.
She is suing me for a divorce.
She is not a Christian, and I
believe the Message and want
her to be saved (Isn't that nice?
That's real Christian spirit. See?)
and believe. What must I do?
We also have two boys. (Signed
their name.)**

265 Brother, look, let me tell you, she's going to sue you for a divorce. That's Satan. See? You shouldn't do that.

But if you're a Christian, and done nothing in the world to hinder that woman, then it's Satan doing that. He's only trying to tear you up.

266 Now, if she is one of God's elected, she will come to Him. If she's not, she's not worth worrying about.

Then if it does... If you worry it'll break your health down, and that's what Satan wants to do. He's working, I know, at you.

So you just commit the whole thing to God and go right on serving God just as happy as you can be. God will take care of the rest of it.

“All that the Father has given Me will come to me.”

Get down on your knees; I'll pray with you or anything. I'll pray over the matter. Just say,

“Lord God, I love her; she’s the mother of my children,” (if she is) and say, “I—I—I just commit the whole thing to You, Lord. I want them saved, You know I do; but I can’t go no further. She’s going to divorce me anyhow. I haven’t done nothing; if I have, reveal it to me; I’ll go make it right. I’ll do anything.”

Then commit it to the Lord and just let it alone then, just let it alone. Go right on living just the same as—as nothing had ever

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happened. And God will take
care of the rest of it.



Marriage is a sacred thing



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*Title: 64-0823E — Questions And
Answers #2*

**299. If Jesus in a second...
(No!) If Jesus...if you in a
second marriage where both
parties are divorced...the...it
(r-e-p-e-n-...) repentances it
repentance enough, or do you
have to end, or, do you have to
end your marriage relationship
to be right?**

“If—if you’re in a second marriage where both parties are divorced...” I think I’ve already answered that. See? Yes, already answered that. Where both parties are—are...I just...

158 I—I wish we didn’t have to go through these things, people. I got friends setting right here, out in this audience here that I know...It just nearly kills me to say that, but I—I got to say it.

See? And the world is in such a corruptible condition.

159 Some poor, little, ol' woman make a mistake and marry some alcoholic and—and they turn that way, or some poor man married some streetwalker and not know it, and then be bound to that woman or man as long as they live. That's a horrible thing. Marriage is a sacred thing.

Many times sinner kids run in and do those things, and then they wonder what it's all about. I—It's...I believe, if the Lord will permit me to explain this marriage and divorce the way it should be, I believe it'll clear up a whole lot of that. It's all...[Blank spot on tape—Ed.]



Can they go in the Rapture?
That'll be up to the Heavenly
Father. I couldn't answer that.

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Answers #2*

316. Brother Branham, if a man has been married and divorced (Isn't that awful, see, so many? Now, I'm not saying nothing against the people; just that's on the people's mind. Sure, they're troubled. The Rapture, people used not to think so much about that; it wasn't so much of it. But now, it's just plastered the world. And the

people read these things in the Scripture. And people, Elected, out there is coming in to look at it. And they see it, and they're sincere. They want to know. That's the reason I want to answer it just as with much sense to it as I can give it you.)
— **has been married and divorced and then remarried of a woman who has also been married and divorced and then married to him, and these two can—can...married in God's sight...are they married in**

God's sight? How can both or one of them be in the Rapture?

207 How? I don't know. I couldn't tell you. The question is, "Can they be in the Rapture?" Divorced, each one of them divorced, each one of them has a living companion, then they married again, both of them married again. And now, one that...This woman has a living husband; this man has a living wife. And now, they've got children and so forth and want to

come to God. Can they go in the Rapture? That'll be up to the Heavenly Father. I couldn't answer that. See?

208 I—I saw one thing. The Bible said that they shall be called an adulterer. And the Bible said also, “An adulterer will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” That's all I can say. I—I know, that just kills me to say that, but I can't say but what the Word says. I must stay with that. I hope

that that's all wrong. There is places in the Bible...

209 I'm not advising you. Please, let me just give you a little Scripture. Please, please don't—don't—don't... If you're living happy with your husband, living happy with your wife, please remain that way. Will you? Just—just for, because I told you that, don't—don't leave them little children without a home and things like that. God has made restitutions in places for people

that—that—that did things wrong. You remember, Jesus said of David when he was hungry, he entered into the temple of God and eat the shewbread, which is only lawful for the priest, and is found blameless. The priest also blaspheme the Sabbath upon the Sabbath day and are found blameless, and a greater than the Sabbath was here. See? There... I... Let's—let's just leave it up to God, and go ahead, and just live

the way you...Just—just live for Christ now.

210 Let's see, there might be a chance of you getting in. Don't make...Two wrongs will never righten one. Just go on and live the way you are if you're—if you're happy together. You might have the wrong companion. I'll say this one thing: if you've got the wrong companion in this wife, in this life, you'll never have it in the other

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one. All wrongs will be made right.



Now, notice that the Bible said
that that man that's a
minister in the house of God
will have one wife.

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Answers #2*

**286. Brother Branham, is it
(Let's see.)... for a person who
has a—who has a living,
divorced mate who remarry
before coming unto the
Message to minister?**

80 Well, in First Timothy 3:2, if
you want to put that down, and
Titus 1 to 6 (I wrote that one
down), I want you to read that for

this question. See? **If a man—if a man desires the office of a bishop or a preacher (something another in church), he's got to have just one wife. That's right! A minister.** Now, that's First Timothy 3:2, and Titus 1 to 6. Now, Titus 1 to 6, yeah! All right. **Now, notice that the Bible said that that man that's a minister in the house of God will have one wife.** Now.

**Now, Brother Branham, is
there any Scripture permitting
marriage after divorce?**

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*Title: 63-0324M — Questions And
Answers On The Seals*

177. Now, Brother Branham, is there any Scripture permitting marriage after divorce? This is very important.

100 It says, "Important." Well, that's the reason...It wasn't pertaining to this. As far as I can see, my brother, or sister, whoever it may be, there isn't,

unless your companion is dead. Because, the Bible said, “We’re bound to them as long as they live.” See?

101 So, as—as far as being “any Scripture?” That’s what was asked here, “Is there Scripture?” See? “Is there any Scripture?” Not as I can find, see, not as I can find.

Cause, Paul said that the—the married couple, “If the companion is dead, then they’re

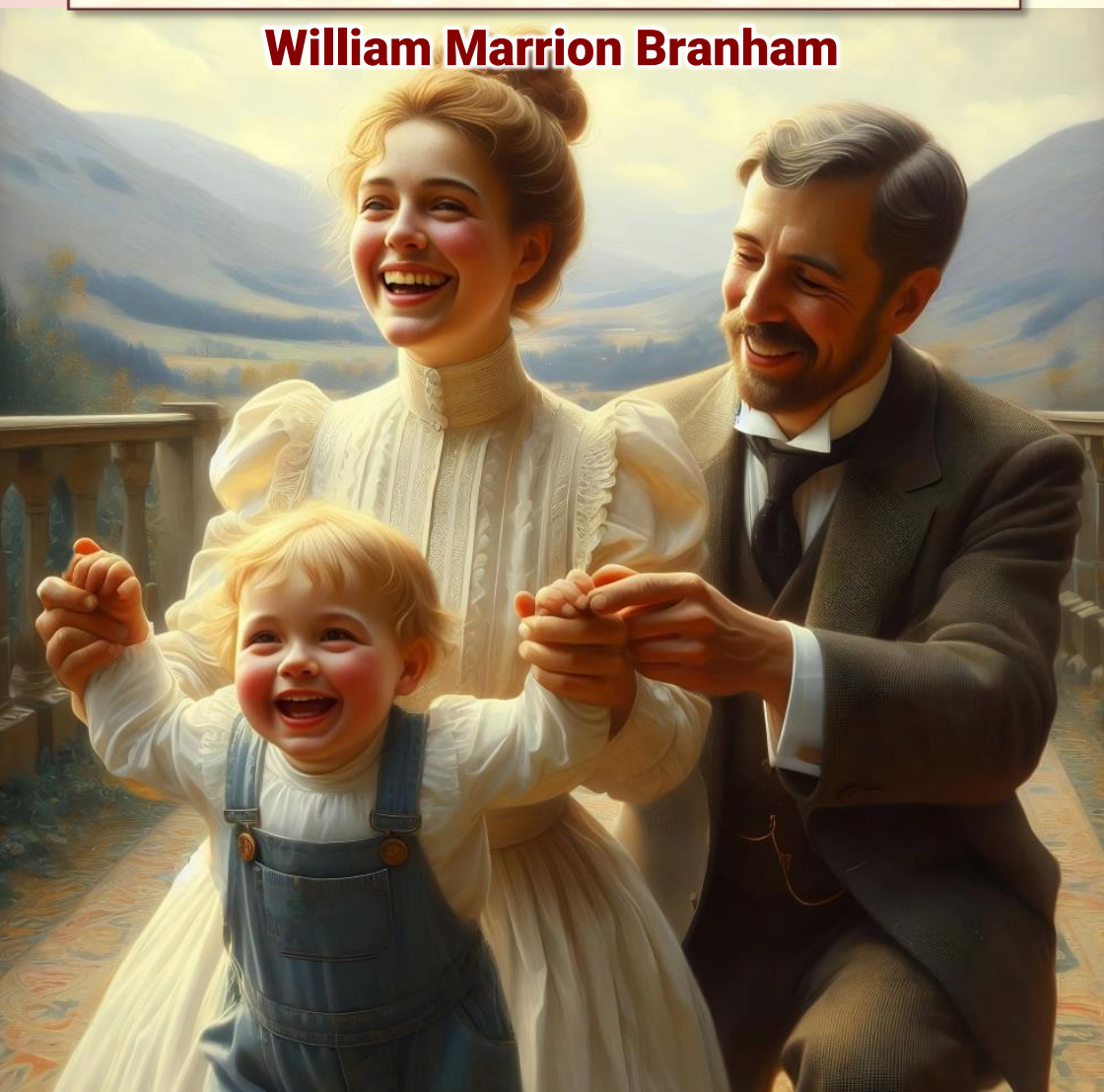
free then to marry whomsoever they will in the Lord.” But until then, but, watch, you take it, “Until death we part.” That’s it. You done took an oath over that, you see.

102 So, I don’t think there is. Now, if there’s...If you found some, and it’s correctly, why, all—all right. But, as far as myself, I—I don’t find any.



And Christianity is not beauty on the outside, it's on the inside: of peace, quiet, adorn themselves in a peaceful, quiet spirit, which is a great price before the Lord.

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*Title: 64-0823E — Questions And
Answers #2*

282. Brother Branham...

(Did I finish that? Did I get about the baptism of the Holy... Yes, that was about it, wasn't it? All right. Excuse me, if I don't get it, just forgive me. I... These are such wonderful questions. You could just stay one whole night just on one question, brother, and then not even touch it.) **I**

appreciate you as a servant of God, the believe... and I believe the Message of Truth. My wife won't hear me... says anything... say anything about this Message, and will not listen to any tape. I am in nervous trouble on my job also. I want my wife to believe too and pray for my children. Brother Branham, I want to be friend of God's... I want to be found in God's will for my life. I want to be His servant. (And

the person signs “**over.**” Wait a minute.) **When I was small, I told everyone that I wanted to be a preacher. I don’t know what God wants me to do. I’m willing to do anything for the Lord. Yours in the Lord.**

58 Now, a good question. And the man is sincere. His wife, his companion that’s a part of him... May I add something here to that? My brethren, I say this in the Name of the Lord. One of these days, the Lord willing, I

think I'll just go ahead and make that tape on *Marriage and Divorce* (see?), bring it right here at the tabernacle. If it separates, it'll just have to separate. But we're going to prove it's the Word of the Lord.

59 Look, my brethren. Listen to this. Do you know many times you get the wrong mate here in the earth? Some pretty pair of brown, or blue, or gray eyes vamps you into a place that's

you—that you shouldn't have listened. Many man realizes that.

60 A man getting married should first approach it prayerfully. You should not pick a women by being beautiful on the outside, but beautiful on the inside, one that'll be a mother to your children.

61 I know this is going to sound awful for a minister to say this at the pulpit. But I used to go with—with buyers of cattle when

in the West. We'd buy breeder cattle, and they'd want to start a herd. And I learned a whole lot there that...while I noticed those auctioneers and the things they were doing, those buyers. I used to go with an old fellow, come here to church with me, and I led to Christ, a perfect infidel to begin with, Mr. Jeverez. Many of you remember him, a rancher out of Colorado. We'd go, and they'd come into...a cow.

I seen a little breeder calf one day sell for eleven thousand dollars, just a small calf; she had never been bred yet. And I said...and Jeff said, “If I had the money, I’d place it in that calf.”

And I thought, “Now, he’s a rancher; he understands his business.” I said, “Jeff, why would you... What is the qualification? She’s a Hereford. That one sold a while ago for three hundred dollars, to me,

looked like a bigger calf and everything.”

62 He said, “Look, Billy, there’s one thing you do not understand in cattle buying.” Said, “I think you ought to hold to your road preaching.” But said, “You don’t understand cattle.” He said, “Now, look at that calf down there.” We walked down there. Said, “See that wild stare in her eyes?”

I said, “Yeah.”

Said, “Her children, and her grandchildren, and her great, great, grandchildren will still have that wild stare.” And said, “They’ll run theirselves poor. They’ll never be a mother to their calves.” And said, “You never could fatten them; they’ll never make beef.” He said, “Look at this little calf here that’s sold. Look how gentle she looks. Look at that peaceful look in her face, that kind look, no stare in her eyes.” Said, “She’ll be a real

mammy to her calf; and her calf's calf, and calf's calf will continue to be that way." And said, "They'll all of them be mammys, if they can get the right kind of a breeder bull to that calf (see?), that'll make their children. But that starey look in the face will always make a poor herd of cattle, if a man's trying to buy cattle."

I said, "Yes, sir! Thank you."

63 And the same thing applies by women. You take one of them

painted-faced and starey-eyes, look like some kind of an animal, trying to disfigure herself from a human being, she'll never make anything. She'll run all the time.

And Christianity is not beauty on the outside, it's on the inside: of peace, quiet, adorn themselves in a peaceful, quiet spirit, which is a great price before the Lord. That's what we want to look for on women, and on man, and whoever it is. Now...



**Brother Bill, what is the
difference between fornications
and adultery, Matthew 19:9?**

William Marrion Branham



*Title: 59-0628E — Questions And
Answers*

91. Matt-... (Let's see.) Brother Bill, what is the difference between fornications and adultery, Matthew 19:9?

184 Jesus said in Matthew 19:9, "Whosoever putteth away his wife and marries another, except it be for the cause of fornications, commits adultery."

The difference between fornications and adultery, the word could be applied either way. But to make it clear what he was talking of there, that—a woman that's unmarried cannot commit adultery, because she has no husband to commit adultery against. It's uncleanliness for her. She has to confess that to her husband before they are married if she's did that. If not and her husband finds it out later, he has a right to

put her away, because she took a false vow. For the Bible said, “Be it well...” or ritual says. “Be it well known to you (I have it in mine) if any couples are joined otherwise than God’s Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful. I will require and will charge you both as you’ll surely answer in the day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together, do

you now confess it.” There you are. See?

185 So fornication is what a girl, when she lives unclean, that’s fornication, ’cause she has no husband. But when she’s married, and then when she lives like that, she commits adultery against her husband.

186 A woman come not long ago, and she said, “Oh, I’ve confessed all that.” She was nervous, and had a breakdown,

and said, “I’ve confessed all that to God.”

187 I said, “You have to confess it to your husband. It wasn’t God that you committed adultery against; it was your husband.” That’s right.

188 And if a man marries a woman and she has lived unclean before she marries him, and then she comes to him, if they’ve been married ever so long, and then she comes to him

and says, “Honey, I want to tell you something. I did run out with another man, I never told you,” Jesus said he has a right to put her away and marry another, because they’re not married in the beginning, ’cause she falsely told a—a lie against him.

Now, there’s another thing here... Thank you.



**No, you should not take a
wife back who's been married
to somebody else.**

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*Title: 61-1015M — Questions And
Answers*

159. Brother Branham, I was married to a woman that had been married before. We divorced, and she has been married twice since. The Bible states that if we desire to marry—if we desire to marry, to turn to...first wife. Now, could I turn to her who has been married before or could I be free?

168 Well now, my brother, here's the only way that you could do it. Now, this is a great subject, and someday I—I want to if—if the church ever gets organized and straightened up into the place where it should be or...I—I say this with reverence, I...There's two factions of this marriage and divorce in the churches, one holds one faction and one another. And to my opinion, with grace in my heart before God and His Bible, they're

both wrong. See? But there's a truth lays there.

169 If you notice what Jesus said...Now here, I got a brother, my own blood brother, that's fixing to marry a woman. And my brother has been married before and got a child by a good woman. And he come to me to marry him. I said, "Not at all!"

170 Jesus said in Matthew 5, "Whosoever puts away his wife, and marries another, saving the cause of fornications (which she

had to do before she was married and didn't tell him about it), causes her to commit adultery: whosoever marries her that is put away liveth in adultery." So don't do that. No, you cannot go back to your—to your first wife if she's been married again. But if you—she divorced you and put you away...

171 Then you said, "Am I free?" Let me read it again. "I was married to a woman that had

never been married before. We divorced, and she has been married twice (I suppose this person has remained single.) The Bible states that if we desire to marry to turn to...first again."

172 No, sir! Get over in the Levitical laws. You go back to that woman, she's somebody else's property. You've defiled and made yourself worse off than ever. No, you should not take a wife back who's been married to somebody else.

173 Now, “Could I turn to her who has been married before or should I—or should I be free?” You are free! Stay free! Yeah, you don’t go back again. No, sir! She’s married somebody else; stay away from her. That’s right! Don’t... That defiled...?... You understand. If we had a little more time, I won’t get into that, but just for your question, my brother, whoever you are: No, sir! Don’t you go back and take that woman when she’s been

married two or three times since she married you. That's wrong.

174 I married a couple here not long ago that'd been married before, and they divorced and went away, and—old couple. Well, they was Brother and Sister Puckett; that's exactly who it was. They just couldn't get along and had a little spat between them; they divorced. She lived just as true and single as she could be, and he lived the same way. And after while, they seen

how silly they was, and they come back and wanted to be married. I said, “Sure!” See? “That’s all right, that’s what you should be.” So they...Well, they was married all the time. They never had been divorced; just give them papers to live together as husband and wife; that’s all, ’cause they was married in the beginning.



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that a woman cannot remarry
until her first husband is dead.

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Romans 7:2-3

For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

***Listen what the Prophet of God said
about it:***

*Title: 65-1125 — The Invisible
Union Of The Bride Of Christ*

56 The prophet, Paul, here is saying that a woman cannot remarry until her first husband is dead.

She cannot remarry as long as her first husband is living; she, by no circumstances, at all. She must remain single as long as her first husband is living.

And if she should do such a sin, “she shall be called an adulteress.”

I’m speaking of the natural now, to type it with the spiritual.

If this woman would commit such a sin, then she is marked, “an adulteress,” if she has two living husbands at the same time.

Therefore, she has forfeited, by doing this, her rights to God and Heaven, by doing so. She sure has.

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She is an outcast from the economy of God, according to the Scriptures that I've just read.



**So, they was in one another's
arms, and the divorce was
annulled.**

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Title: 64-0206B — Paradox

17 If we tried to make all of us, this morning, Assemblies of God, we couldn't do that. We try to make them Pentecostal Holiness; we'd never do that. We try to make them United Churches; we'll never do that.

18 But there is one Place that we can meet, all of us, as believers, under the Blood of Jesus Christ. And that's the only

place that God ever met man, or ever will meet man, is under the Blood of Jesus Christ. That's where we have things in common.

19 Recently, I was reading of where a young couple was separating, and it was a pitiful thing. They, they had lived together for several years. And a disagreement come up among them, and the little mother, lady and her husband, was going to separate. And they were...The

attorney was a friend to them. He said, “Now, before, we have to get somebody up there and sell these things, and take what you got. If you’re going to have the divorce, then just divide the spoils among yourselves.” They said they would do that.

20 They went into the parlor; they fussed, they fought, and everything else, over what was in the parlor. They went into the living room, and they—and they did the same thing there, and the

dining room, and kitchen. Finally they remembered, up in the attic, that they had some stuff stored away up there. So they both went up into the “garret,” I guess you call it here; east, we call it, up in the “attic.” So they went up there and pulled out an old trunk. And they had some clothes and things, that, so they were reaching, and fussing over *this* and *that*.

21 And after a while, when they lifted up something, they

both reached for it, and their hands caught each others hands as they grabbed. It was a little pair of white shoes. It was to a— a baby had been granted to their union, but had passed on. There, holding each others' hands, one couldn't say, "it's mine," the other one couldn't say, "it's mine." It was something they had together. Just a few moments, they looked at each other. One couldn't claim it, and the other one couldn't claim it. So, they

was in one another's arms, and the divorce was annulled.

22 I want to see that, we Baptists, and we Methodists, and we Assemblies, and Church of God, and whatever we might be. We might have things all different, and everything like that, that's our own traditions that's got us into that. But there is one Thing we have in common, brother; Christ, He is the Word. That's what we're here to do; not talk about our differences, but

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talk about what we have in
common, Jesus Christ.





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