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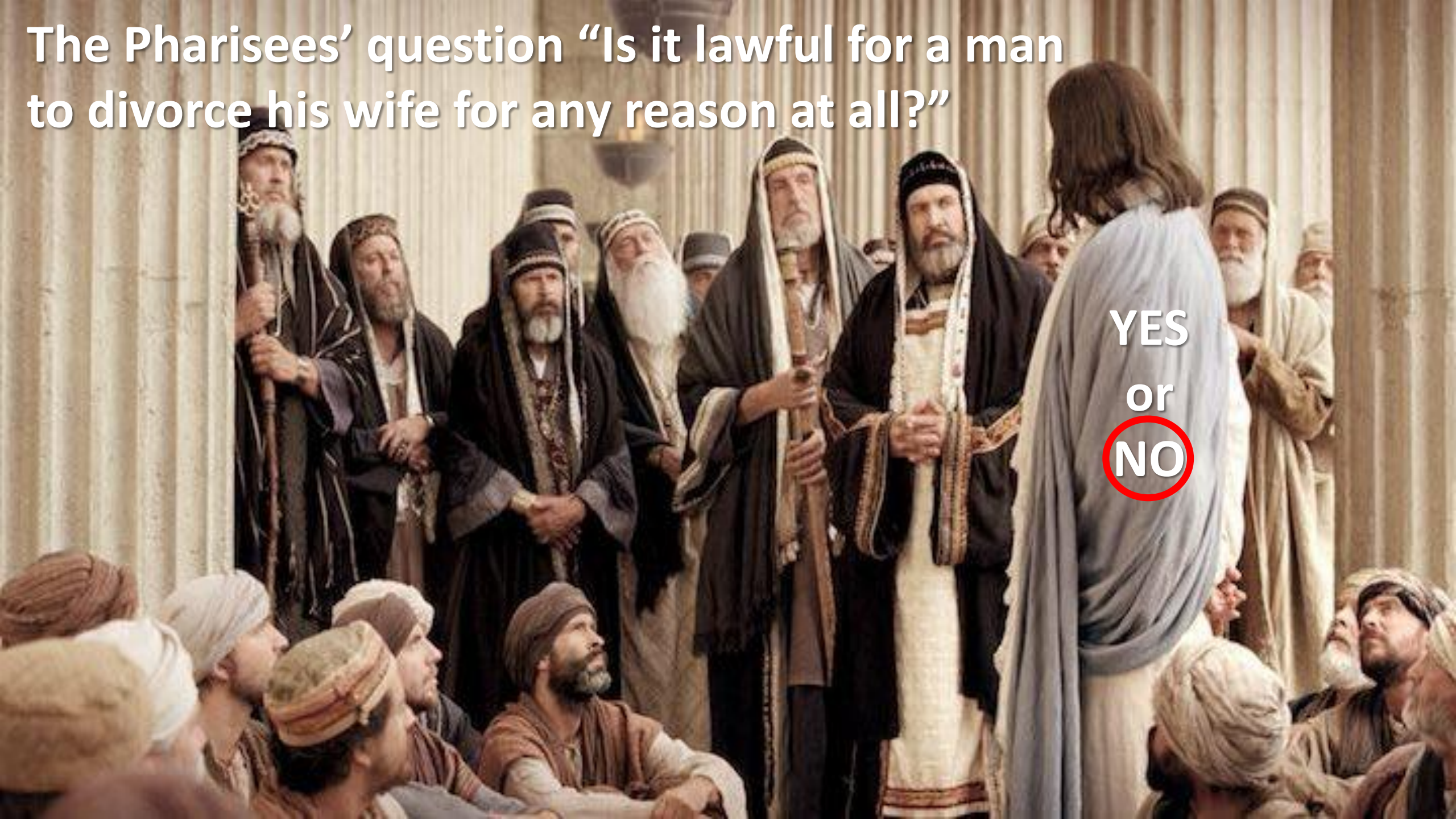
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- Jesus' teaching about divorce:
(*Matt. 5:31-32; 19:1-9; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18*)
 - The question of the Pharisees. *Matt. 19:1-3*
 - Lawful in whose eyes? Government?
 - The answer to their question. *Matt. 19:4-5*
 - Jesus reminds them of what existed from the beginning.
Gen. 2:18-24
 - Then He gives a divine and inspired commentary on Genesis 2.
Matt. 19:6

The Pharisees' question "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"

YES
or
NO



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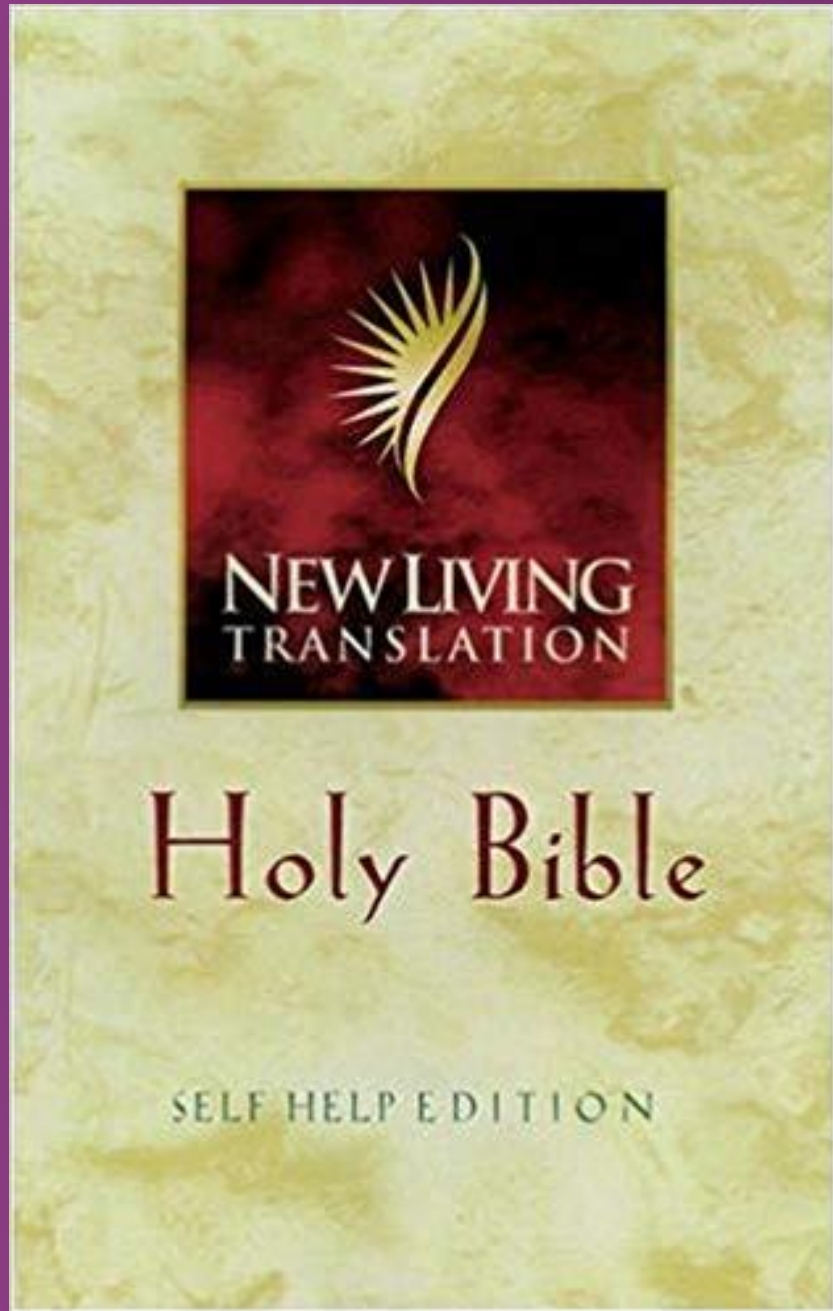
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- How do we know that Jesus' answer was a "no"?
 - Because of the Pharisees second question.
Matt. 19:7
 - Their question was concerning the law of Moses in:
Deut. 24:1-4
 - Jesus' answer to their second question.
Matt. 19:8
 - Has His answer changed from their original question?

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- Jesus' exception clause:
 - He explains there is an exception to the permanent nature of the that covenant that existed from the beginning. ***Matt. 19:9***
 - This is not the only place where Jesus dealt with this issue. ***Matt. 5:31-32***
 - In the other passages we find the same teaching, but without the exception clause. ***Mark 10:10-12; Luke 16:18***
 - Why can't a divorced person (without the exception granted by Jesus) be able to marry without committing adultery?
Because the Lord said so!



And I tell you this, a man who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery-- unless his wife has been unfaithful."

-- Matthew 19:9

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- Divine law.
 - While the first spouse lives, a new marriage would be an adulterous one. ***Rom. 7:1-3***
 - If you break your covenant, you are to remain unmarried. ***1 Cor. 7:10-11***
 - Even under the O.T. divorce laws, God said certain people could not marry. ***Deut. 24:1-4; Lev. 21:1, 7; Deut. 7:1-3***
 - But some did not listen and God was not pleased with them. ***Ezra 9:1-4, 10-15***

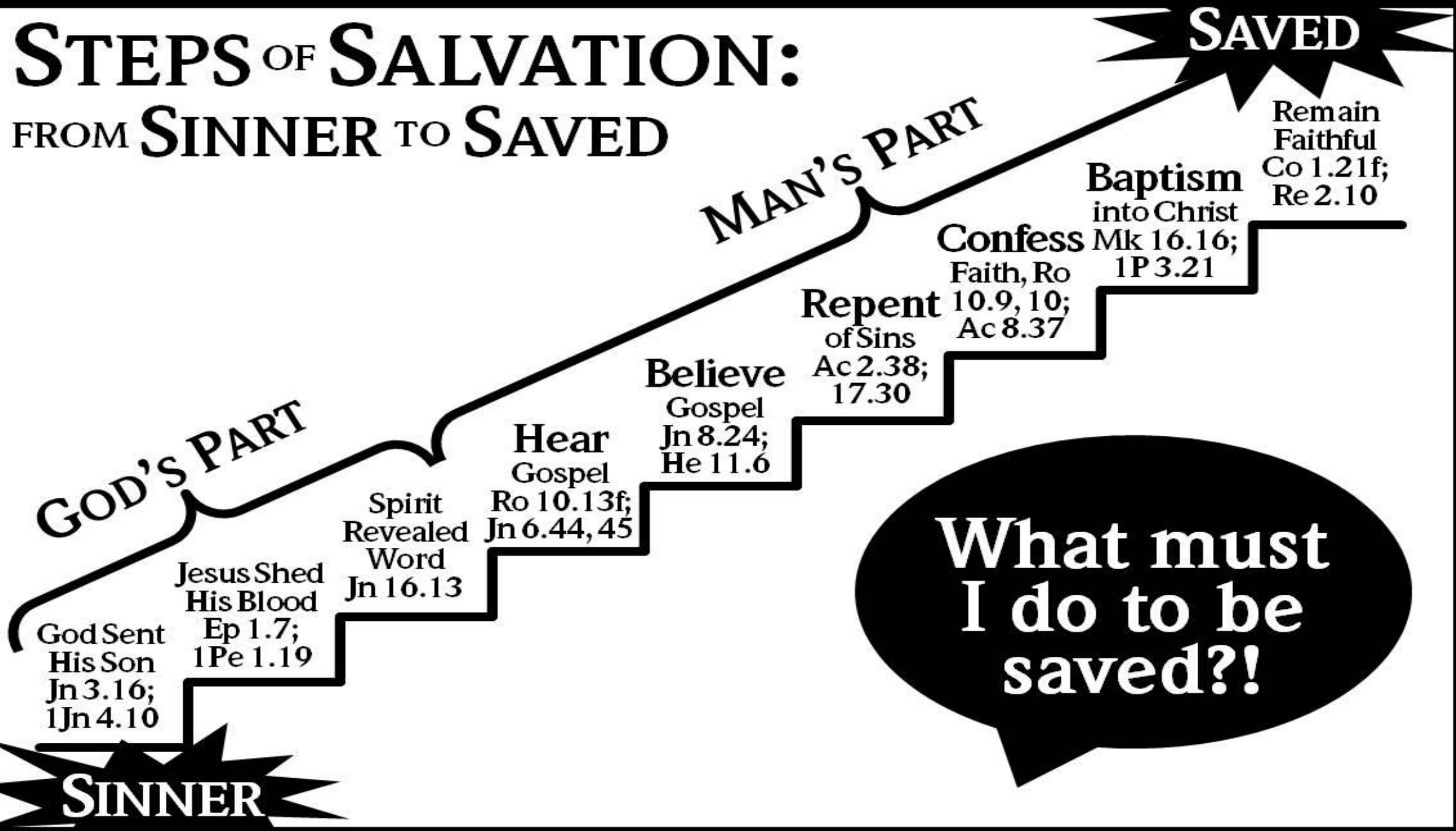
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- Jesus only gives one reason for which a person can dissolve his marriage covenant and be able to marry again... except for fornication. *Matt. 19:9*
 - We know that “except” places conditions upon a statement:
 - “Except” a man be born again...
 - “Except” ye repent...
 - “Except” ye be converted...
 - “Except” it be for fornication...
 - Can the guilty adulterer be married again with God’s approval?
Prov. 13:15; Rom. 7:3

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**



What must I do to be saved?!