The Alien Sinner and Marriage

Introduction

- 1. "Is the alien sinner accountable to God's laws?"
- 2. Before dealing with God's law on marriage, let's first talk about God's Sovereignty.
 - A. SOVEREIGNTY: "Supreme authority, above all others" (Webster)

All Mankind Is Accountable to the Sovereign Ruler

1. God is in the position to give whatever instructions He wants to all of mankind that He created.

Isaiah 64:8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.

2. All of creation belongs to the God of heaven.

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

- A. God created man as a free moral agent with the ability to choose between good and evil. He expects us to follow His rule.
 - 1) Regardless of the choice we make, we are still accountable to Him.

2 Corinthians 5:10

3. Only a fool would say "there is no God."

Psalms 14:1-2 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

A. Those that deny God and choose not to follow Him are without excuse!

Romans 1:18-21

B. We can deny God, but we're still accountable to Him - He created us! All who deny Him will be condemned (Matt 10:33).

All of Mankind Has Always Been Subject to God's Laws

1. Before the flood, all were subject to His law.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

A. All men were evil because they broke His law. What is sin?

1 John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

2. After the law of Moses was recorded, was all of mankind sinners? Yes, why? They broke God's law.

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

A. During the days of the Mosaical law, why were Gentiles sinners? Were they sinners because they weren't Jews? No, because they broke God's law.

Romans 1:28-32

- 1) They refused to have God in their knowledge.

 Speaking of Gentile world. They broke God's law and were sinners.
- 2) Gentiles could have been saved. Romans 2:12-16
- 3. All are under the rule and law of Jesus Christ today.
 - A. All peoples, nations, languages should serve him.

Daniel 7:13-14 I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

B. Christ is judge of all.

John 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

1) Everyone has the right to choose whom they will serve. Whether people recognize Christ's laws or not, He is still our sovereign ruler.

Acts 3:22-23 For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

C. Christ has all authority as He rules over all of mankind today.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Does the Lord's Laws of Marriage Apply to All Today?

1. Jesus teaches that marriage is to be regulated by God's original plan.

Matthew 19:4-9

A. Jews asked what does the Mosaical law say? That's the only law they were concerned about. Jesus said: "Have you not heard that from the beginning one man and one woman for life?"

- Just as from the beginning it was wrong for Cain to kill his brother, it has been wrong for men to put away their wives.
- B. Marriage laws are not in some way unique to Christians only. It applies to all of mankind from the beginning!
 - 1) Jesus, who has ALL AUTHORITY, states the truth and that man must obey this truth of the Lord in verse 9.
 - 2) Adultery is "present." It refers to continuous action.
 - a) Paul teaches that one can live in adultery.

Colossians 3:5-7 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: **fornication**, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves **once walked when you lived in them**.

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **And such were some of you**. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
- 2. As long as she remains married to another man (to whom she is not bound by God), she shall continue to called an adulteress.

 Romans 7:2-3

3. Repentance is "A change of mind coupled with a change of action."

Matthew 21:28-30

- A. Repentance demands separation from sin.
- B. People may no more lawfully continue living together as husband and wife, than homosexuals continue to cohabit, drunkards continue to drink, and thieves continue to steal.

EXAMPLES:

RULE for ALL MEN	CONDITION	RESULT after Baptized	
One man/One Woman	Adultery = sin	No More Adultery	
Don't Steal	Steals = sin	No More Stealing	
Don't Lie	Lies = sin	No More Lying	
Be Baptized	Not Baptized = Lost	Saved	

God's law is for ALL mankind!

Conclusion

- 1. Are alien sinners accountable to God's marriage laws? Certainly.
 - A. Though alien sinners have not brought themselves under obedience to the laws of Christ, they are nevertheless, accountable to them.
- 2. When we become a Christian, we must abide only in the relationships that are lawful unto God.
 - A. All sinful relationships must be ended (Adultery, Polygamy, homosexuality, incest, etc.)
 - B. All sinners, regardless of how terrible the sin, may be forgiven through the blood of Christ.
 - C. However, no one can persist in a sinful relationship and expect to be forgiven.
 - D. Repentance demands a separation from the sinful condition.

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