

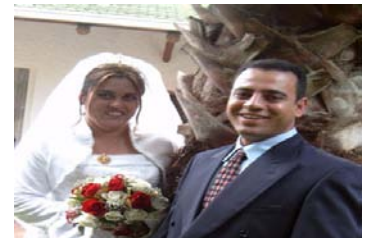


# Married to a Muslim?

**Dear Friend in Jesus!** In our ministry, we meet families who share their concerns for their daughters who are married to Muslims. Often we receive e-mails from Christians married to Muslim men, now seeking advice. Some young Christians are dating Muslims and ask for our advice. Let us be reminded what the Bible says about these situations and circumstances.

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and they will be my people (II Cor. 6:14-16).

There is no more plain language in all of Scripture as to what God thinks of a relationship between one of His children and an unbeliever! In this passage, marriage is described by Paul as a yoke, a commonality, a fellowship, a harmony, and an agreement. On the other hand a relationship with an unbeliever is referred to as a partaking by the believer in wickedness, darkness, idolatry, and the influence of Satan himself! No Christian can, in all honesty, explain away Paul's words and still have a clear conscience should he choose to disobey them! To go against them is pure and blunt disobedience that will certainly bring immense sorrow!



**Two Faiths: One Flesh?** When you have two married people who belong to two faiths that are diametrically opposite on the identity of Jesus and His work, how can they possibly live as one flesh? On the one hand, through marriage they are to become one flesh, but on the other hand, they will have tremendous difficulty living out that unity. Therefore, the "one flesh" desire of God for marriage will always be less than He intended it to be when one partner is an unbeliever in general, and a Muslim in particular.

**The Role of Women in Islam**

60 minutes DVD is available and can be ordered online here:  
[www.jesustomuslims.org/publications.html](http://www.jesustomuslims.org/publications.html)

**Two Faiths: Called To Peace?** The Bible also tells us that we are called to peace in marriage: "But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace" (ICor. 7:15). It is the perfect will and call of God for people to be at peace in

their marriage. It is not His will that the couple constantly argue, fight and make life miserable for one another, especially for the believer! God wants you to have peace in your marriage which will be impossible when your other half is a Muslim and you are a practicing Christian believer!

**Two Faiths: Marriage Honorable?** The Bible also tells us that it is God's will that 'marriage should be honored by all' or 'honorable' (Heb. 13:4). The Muslim has a totally different understanding of marriage which does not conform with the Biblical standard of honoring marriage. For example, the Muslim husband might freely indulge in extramarital affairs and defile the marriage bed. Some might either go for the *muta*' (temporary marriage) with other partners, or take on one or two or three more wives! The Greek word for *honor* in Hebrews 13:4 use two adjectives that cover all kinds of unfaithfulness and licentious engaging in biblically forbidden practices. It is almost impossible to have a Muslim husband and a biblically honorable marriage at the same time!

**But if Yoked – then what?** What about Christians who are already married to Muslims? For the same apostle who told us not to be unequally yoked also commanded us to stay in the marriage relationship when the partner is an unbeliever. Paul said: 'If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he

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must not divorce her. And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him' (I Cor. 7:12-14). Therefore, if you are married to a Muslim, then do not seek divorce provided:

1. He does not physically abuse you
2. He does not forbid you from what the Bible commands
3. He does not sleep around with other women
4. He is willing to stay married to you

In such circumstances do not seek to divorce him. In fact, the Bible encourages you to win him over, not so much by preaching to him, but quietly through your behavior as he sees the fruit of your faith (I Pet. 3:1-6).

Remember that God is working with him and on you so don't give up. Sometimes we want things to happen at a faster pace than they actually do, but we need patience as well as faith to inherit the promises.

1. Keep praying, keep interceding
2. Ask others to pray
3. Be submissive but as much as the Scriptures allows
4. Love him, honor him, forgive him, and live out your faith before him.

Please do remember, that all of the above are no guarantee that the husband will eventually become a Christian. Certainly God will deal with him in answer to your prayers, but God will never override the will of the husband. This is why Paul wrote: 'How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?' (I Cor. 7:16). All you can do is live out your best before him, have faith and hope, demonstrate love, and pray continually. Our hearts really go out to these women who are challenged daily in their stand for Christ and their heart's desire to stay in the marriage. Jesus said, 'If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also' (John 15:20). They persecuted me, so they will persecute you", a very hard concept to swallow. At the end of the day, it is the life beyond which matters, not this one.

Remember Esther, unequally yoked, and yet God used her to become the Savior of her people. Ironically, Muslims, who claim to be descendants of Abraham, yet they act in the same way as Haman to destroy the children of God. What a contradiction! But, only God knows if you are chosen as an Esther to influence the mind & heart of your husband, thus be a source to save not only your husband's life from eternal destruction but also many others who will follow Christ. God always makes a way for his children (I Cor. 10:13).

#### Available Resources

**Evangelistic Leaflets for Muslims:** A pdf version of these leaflets is available to you to download, print and pass it on to others. See them at: [www.Jesustomuslims.org/newleaflets.html](http://www.Jesustomuslims.org/newleaflets.html)

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## Jesus to Muslims Financial Aspects

Funds down in Aug & Sept in total received:

Aug. 16 – Sept. 15, 2011: \$ 5,060.00

Sept. 16 – Oct. 10, 2011: \$ 6,206.00

We thank you and ask God to richly bless you for your obedience, to support this ministry, in spite of the economic crisis! We believe that your outreach to Muslims is vital in light of these "times". The harvest is GREAT, as Muslims are searching! The laborers are few!

If you are mailing your gift, please use the envelope provided. For online giving go to: [www.JesusToMuslims.org](http://www.JesusToMuslims.org) and click on 'Make a Donation'.

### Prayer & Praise Points:

- Praise God for listening ears to hear the Gospel. We are seeing new salvations
- Praise Him for all our resources being used
- Urgent need for Missionary minded 'house parent' to disciple new Muslim converts
- \$700 monthly support needed for 'safe house' (Refuge for new converts) – Project Comfort (PC)
- Continuous financial Support for the ministry, Admin & website help; billboard campaign (Gideon Fund)
- Finances to reprint '*The Bible and The Qur'an*'
- Steven to finish his next book, '*Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Assurance*'
- Missionary funds for a Mentoree
- God's provision for a reliable vehicle
- Replacement of office equipments – printer
- Seminars in Florida, Maine and Texas – Pleading journey mercies & appts
- Pray for Karen ministering to women and discipling Muslim background believers
- Steven's speaking and sharing engagements

