

## Jesus Christ: Pre-eminent In Our Sexuality (Part 1)

God Is Delighted to Put Us on Earth in Bodies That Are Sexual

- We must see human sexuality in the light of God's intent/design - I Co 6:9-7:9

It Was God's Idea to Create Sexual Beings - Gen 1:26-28; 31; 2:15-25

- Adam and Eve were made for each other
- Their complementarity calls for encounter and union
- They are established as humans in differentiation and unity

Sexual Desires Are Not the Mark of Fallen Man - Prov 5:18-19; Song of Solomon

- Sexual expression in its proper context is God-ordained and God-endorsed
  - Song of Solomon 1:4
- Human sexuality is a good gift from God meant to draw us together - Song of Solomon 1:4

Sexual Activity Is the Physical Expression of a Much Greater Reality

- Eph 5:31,32
- Illustrates and celebrates union...
  - ...the interpenetrating love of God
  - ...a permanent and faithful oneness
  - ...a free and total abandonment
- Confirms and extols genuine love...
  - ...covenantal, not contractual
  - ...graceful, not shameful
  - ...affirming, not degrading
  - ...intimate, not distant
  - ...mutual, not self-centered

Authentic God-Endorsed Sexuality Is About Two Persons - Male and

Female - Sharing Life Together in a Sacred Union of Love

- For the purpose of relational oneness and procreation
- This is the natural order according to God's design
- This is the way human sexuality will maximize joy and glorify God
- Sexual sins in the Bible are any expressions of sexual activity contrary to the design of God - I Thess 4:3; I Co 6:18
- Boundaries/Fences prohibiting sex outside of marriage do not constitute a negative view of sex, but reflect the positive value God puts on marriage, fidelity, and human sexuality
  - ...so that we do not de-value human sexuality

God's Agenda Is Not to Keep You from Having Sex Outside of Marriage...

...but to Captivate Your Heart

- Who will you trust?