

Jesus Christ: Pre-eminent in Our Sexuality (Part 2)

God Created Humans as Sexual Beings

- Human sexuality calls for encounter and union - "one fleshness"
- Sexual desires are not the mark of fallen man

Human Sexual Encounters Are Designed to Be Physical Expressions of a Much Greater Reality

- The interpenetrating love of God
- God's passion for oneness and self-giving
- Sharing life together in a faithful, lifelong, sacred union of love

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- Covenantal, graceful, affirming, mutual
- Sex within this context will maximize human joy and glorify God

Sexual Sins Are Expressions of Sexual Activity Contrary to the Design of God

- God doesn't have a negative view of sex, but a high and positive view of marriage, fidelity and human sexuality
- The "boundaries" protect us from the power of sexual communication

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Sexual Activities/Behaviors That Go Against the Nature of God's Intent Are "Unnatural" - Ro 1:16
(Whatever deviates from God's design is sin)

- Adultery: sex that covets and steals is not of God (Ex 20:14; Lev 20:10; Ro 13:9; I Co 6:9)
- Sex Between Unmarrieds: sex that wants parts of the person but not the whole person is not of God (I Co 6:18; I Thess 4:3; Heb 13:4)
- Prostitution: sex that can be bought and sold is not of God (Lev 19:29; Deut 23:18)
- Incest/Rape/Sadism/Masochism: sex on demand, by force, that intends pain is not of God (Lev 20:12,17; Deut 22:25-27; 27:22)
- Bestiality: sex that is not between persons is not of God (Lev 18:23; Deut 20:15)
- Pornography: sex that is abstract or impersonal or covetous is not of God (Matt 5:27-28; Ga 5:19; Ps 101:3)
- Same Sex Activity: sex between persons of the same gender is not of God (Lev 18:22; 20:13; Ro 1:26-29; I Co 6:9-11)

LIVING IN THE TRUTH OF GOD:

Recognize There Is a Difference Between Desire and Action - Heb 4:12

- There is a big gap between having desires and indulging them - Ga 5:16
- Sexual urges and sensual feelings are not condemned, but, carrying out those urges and feelings outside of marriage are never condoned
- We may not be responsible for the temptation, but we are responsible for our choice

The "Way of Escape" Is The Person of Jesus Christ - I Co 10:13

- Living out of our "born-againness" is the key - Col 1:27
- Seeing the temptations against "Christ in me", not against "just me"
- Must dare to live out of His Love - II Co 5:14; I Jo 4:7,8,18

...for our own sake - love will take you where law cannot!

...for the other's sake - see all others with compassionate love of God

...Recognize and Receive the Authority of God - Is 26:13; Jer 16:11; I Pet 5:5-6

...Confess and Repent of Our Own Sinful Ideas of Human Sexuality - I Jo 1:9; Mk 1:14-17

...Replace the Lies and Errors with the Righteous Truth of God - Jo 8:31-32; Jo 14:6