

"In Christ: Worthy Sexual Activity"
Ephesians 5:1-17

Theme: "In Christ" Subject: "Walking Worthy" Illustration: "Walking in Love" Application: Living accordingly in the arena of sexual activity - Eph 5:1-17

- Sexual activity born of God's love is not wrong... it is God-willed - Song of Sol 5:1
- Sexual activity not born of God's love is wrong... it is self-willed - Ga 5:16; Eph 2:3

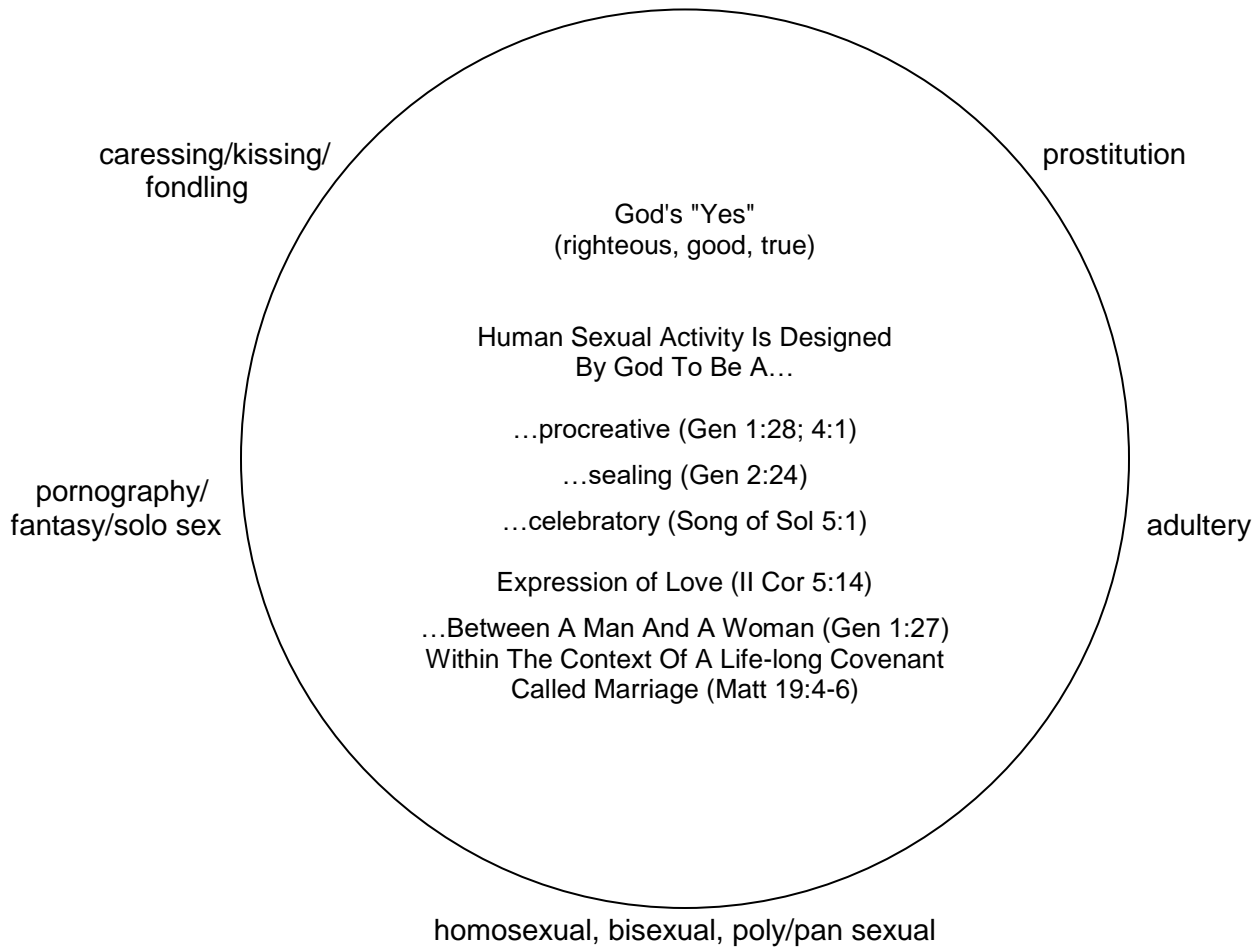
It's Time to "Wake Up!" - Eph 5:14

- So we may "see" - Eph 5:13
 - ...ourselves rightly - Eph 5:3,8
 - ...the world rightly - Eph 5:6
 - ...God's design for sexual activity rightly - Eph 5:10
- God's children are not powerless against the fallen voices and toxic forces in the world - Eph 5:2,6,7,11,15,16

It's Time to Say "Yes!"

- Yes to being perfectly loved by God - Eph 5:1; Deut 7:7-8; I Jo 4:8
 - ...into a Godly self-image - Eph 5:8; Eph 2:1-7
 - ...into loving sexual expressions - Eph 5:2
- Yes to God's design for human sexual activity - Jo 17:17
 - ...human sexuality was formed at creation in the differentiation ("male and female") and complementarity ("compatible/suitable") that fulfills His design for the human race and calls for loving encounter and personal union ("the two shall become one flesh") - Gen 1,2
 - ...and "it was very good!" - Gen 1:31; Song of Sol 5:1

God's "No"
(unrighteous, not good, false)



- "immorality" - illegitimate ways to get a legitimate desire met

...not alternative sexual expressions, but expressions in disobedience to God's loving design for human sexual activity - Ps 107:11; Ps 106:15