

Actual Immorality without Repentance

Leads to Eternal Punishment: “For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them...” (Ephesians 5:5-7) *God is begging all sinners to repent and believe!*

A Clear Statement of God’s Will for

Christians: “For this is the will of God, your sanctification [*the One who made you holy in Christ*]; ...that you abstain from sexual immorality; ...For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification [*to live holy lives*]. So, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.” (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8) *Let us always be sorry for our sins, believe in Christ Jesus as our Savior, receive the Holy Spirit, and rejoice in God’s forgiveness!*

More Instruction and Advice: “Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” (2 Timothy 2:22) *Such things are possible as we are led by the Spirit through the Word!*

An Offer of Great Blessing and the Reality of

Great Suffering: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end [*the Almighty God*]. I will give to the one who thirsts [*who sees his sin and desires forgiveness*] from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who overcomes [*by the Spirit through the Word*] will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My

son. But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:6-8)

For All who Know of God’s Saving Work in Christ and yet Willfully Continue in their Sin:

“For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.”

(Hebrews 10:26-27) *To know of the tremendous sacrifice of Christ for our sins and yet to willfully continue in them is a blatant rejection of the Triune God!*

For All who are Sorry for their Sins, Confess them to God, and Trust in Jesus as their

Savior: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9) *Though sin is a very serious matter, full forgiveness is available to all through Jesus, who lived for all, died to pay for the sins of all, and opened heaven to all who trust in Him as their Savior!*

Let us help you know Jesus Christ as your Savior, grow in your knowledge of the Bible, and excel in Christ-like living!

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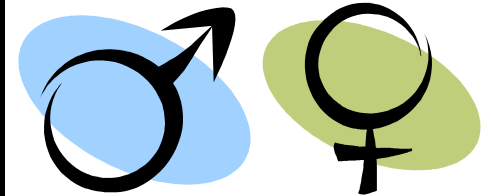
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Sex

Outside of Marriage

What Does the Bible Say?



Introduction

In today’s world, *sex is such an ordinary thing*: ✦TV, movies, the first date; ✦in junior high, high school, and college; ✦among those who *reject Christ* and those who *call themselves Christians!* Therefore, many conclude that sex must be okay for virtually anyone at anytime. But the Triune God, who ✦made us, ✦loves us, and ✦truly wants what is best for us, says *in His Word* that all sex outside of marriage is sin!

- To those who continue in such sin (*even any sin*) without repentance (*sorrow and faith*) the Bible says: “**...fornicators and adulterers God will judge.**” (Hebrews 13:4)
- To those who want to *know what God says* and *receive His gift of forgiveness in Christ*, the Bible says: “**...you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**” (John 8:32)

Please read this brochure to learn the truth and be set free from your sins!

Definitions

When referring to sex outside of marriage, the Bible uses these two words:

Adultery – “Voluntary sexual intercourse of a married person with someone other than his or her lawful spouse.” (Random House, 1988)

Fornication – “Voluntary sexual intercourse between two unmarried persons... (Random House, 1988)

Old Testament Passages

As you read this brochure, please keep these words in mind: “So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes [laws], to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival...” (Deuteronomy 6:24) *God really loves us and truly has our best interests in mind!*

The Sixth Commandment: “You shall not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14) *God’s desire is for family, passing on the faith to our children, and living God-pleasing lives!*

God’s Attitude about Adultery: “If there is a man who commits adultery with another man’s wife,... the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.” (Leviticus 20:10) *God wants us to know that sex outside of marriage is a very serious matter!*

The Foolishness of Adultery: “The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it.” (Proverbs 6:32) *It may seem good at the time, and many are tempted, but the end is great sadness and regret!*

People, society, and values change, but God’s moral laws never change. They are always right and best for everyone!

New Testament Passages

Looking with a Sinful Desire: “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matthew 5:27-28) *That behavior is so common today, and many are very open about it, but Jesus called it sin!*

Three Things Gentile Christians Should Avoid: “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials: that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols... from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well.” (Acts 15:28-29) *Let us clearly understand that Christians and fornicators and are in two separate categories!*

A Common Deception in Today’s World: *I can have sex outside of marriage without repentance and still go to heaven! “Or 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 effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) With the phrase, “Do not be deceived,” Paul is waving the red flag of warning because he doesn’t want us to be misinformed, tricked, or lied to. But even if*

we have been, God is willing and able to take away our sins – even as He did for the repentant Corinthians! “Such were some of you [fornicators, adulterers, etc.]; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” (11)

Advice and Instruction to All Christians who are Tempted: “Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” (1 Cor. 6:18-20) *Christians, according to their new nature, want to glorify God!*

Further Instruction: “...consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity... For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience...” (Colossians 3:5-6) *As a dead person no longer craves his favorite food, so let us be dead to sin but alive to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

Giving even a Hint of Immorality is Improper for Christians: “But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.” (NIV Ephesians 5:3) *Let us honor the Triune God who made us, loves us, and saved us!*