

***How should we live in a world where
sexual expression is ultimate? (Pt. 2)***

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God's Design for Sexuality

(Genesis 1-2)



God made sex as a gift to a man and a woman, within the covenant of marriage, for their pleasure, for procreation, and for protection.

Sin's Distortion of Sexuality

(Romans 1; 1 Corinthians 5–7)



Since humanity's fall into sin, sexuality has become misdirected and a source of selfishness, distortion, and idolatry, affecting each of us...

But believers have been redeemed by Jesus Christ and now belong to Him, including the honorable use and sexual expression of our bodies.

Current Issues in Sexual Distortions



1. PROMISCUITY

2. PORNOGRAPHY

3. HOMOSEXUALITY

4. TRANSGENDERISM

Sexuality & the Gospel

(John 4, 8)



Now for the matters you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”

1 Corinthians 7:1

But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:2

Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:3

The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

John 4:15

He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

John 4:16

“I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.”

John 4:17

“The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

John 4:18

Everybody has got to live for something, but Jesus is arguing that, if *He* is not that thing, it will fail you. First, it will enslave you. Second, if you *do* achieve it, it will fail to deliver the fulfillment you expected.

Tim Keller

When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

John 8:8

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

John 8:10

*“No one, Sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,”
Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*

John 8:11

If we could read the Gospels through first-century eyes, Jesus' treatment of women would knock us to our knees. Given the way Jesus treated women, it's no surprise that women flocked to Him. And they're flocking still.

Rebecca McLaughlin

Redeeming Sexuality Through the Church



In Our Lives



The world's mantra is individual authenticity: "Be true to yourself." Christ's command is pervasive holiness: "Be transformed by Me."

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.

John Newton

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Are you willing to pledge to Christ that, from this day forward, your body belongs to Him, including His design and boundaries for your sexual expression?

As a Community



In Christ we are one Body together, brothers and sisters,
comrades in arms, knit together in love...

Rebecca McLaughlin

If Christians lived like this, the plague of loneliness would be over, and all of us — single and married, same-sex attracted or straight, old or young, widowed or newlywed — would be embraced into a family.

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If God has given you a dependable income, a loving spouse, a strong church community, a reliable group of friends, those gifts are not just for you. They are to equip you to reach out and draw in those who are broken and searching...

Nancy Pearcey

God is giving you the opportunity to bring hope that Christianity is real and not just words — to put flesh and bones on the message of hope and healing.

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Are we a place and a people of grace to those whose sexual choices have left the trajectory of their lives in the ditch?

To rail against the culture is to say to God that we are entitled to a better mission field than the one He has given us...

Russell Moore

At the same time, if we simply dissolve into the culture around us, or refuse to leave untroubled the questions the culture deems too sensitive to ask, we are not on mission at all.

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Yes. We face difficult times, every generation of the Church does. But we also face unprecedented opportunities, as cultural Christianity falls all around us...

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Many of our neighbors around us will be burned over by the unkept, and unkeepable, promises of the sexual revolution and of Faustian individualism. Short term, these things will ravage communities and families and churches...

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But long-term, they will leave people wanting. And so we need to be ready for those who — like the woman at the well in Samaria — need to hear of living water that can alone satisfy.

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To know Christ is to submit
our bodies to His plan...no
matter what our culture says.

