

Sex

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Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

There are consequences when we use sex outside of the marriage covenant.

What is sex?

- Sex is a gift from God and He gave it to us as a means of glorifying Him as we fulfill its design through procreation, intimacy, comfort, companionship, and physical pleasure. (Gen 1:28) (Song of Solomon)
- Sex is an act of worship. Sex is as much spiritual as it is physical.
- Sex is only meant for and can only properly be expressed before God in the Marriage Covenant.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

- Sex outside of marriage is sin (fornication).

What does God say about sex?

- Sex is designed ONLY for the married man and the married woman.

1 Corinthians 7:2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

- God hates sexual immorality. We can include fornication (sex outside of marriage), whoredom, idolatry, adultery and homosexuality as all sexually immoral acts before God that are clearly against His commandments.

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

- Sex in Marriage requires mutual submission to God first, and then to each other.

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Submitting your bodies in obedience to God during sex is an act of spiritual worship.
- Do not conform to the world’s standards for sex; they bring separation from God, disease and death.

1 Corinthians 7:4-5 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not

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deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. Give yourself freely to one another!

Why is honoring God's commandments regarding sex such a big deal to Him?

- Sex was designed as a gift from God and meant only for the marriage covenant; "one flesh" signifies the unifying of not only our bodies but of our hearts and lives. The act of becoming one creates a new entity—a family.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- God's commandments regarding sex are for our benefit and protection. Not only do we get the gift of sexual intimacy, but by honoring it we are not subject to the consequences--separation, disease and death.

Colossians 3:5-7 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

If you have a past that is stained by sexual sin, and even if you are caught up in it right now, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is forgiving!

The Gospel is: redemptive / merciful / personal / sacrificial / caring / loyal / consistent.