

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

Freedom of Sex

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Galatians 5:13-14

Biblical Foundation of Sex

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.

Matthew 19:4-6

He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

“Our sexuality is shaped either by a willing, worshipful submission to the authority of God or by our taking authority over our lives and bodies as though they belonged to us. There is no other option” | Paul David Tripp

Sex and the Fall

Romans 1:25

they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator

- **Sexual sin has been a consistent expression of the fall**

“Jesus Christ lived and died without ever having sex or acting on sexual desire, though he was tempted in every way, as we are (Heb. 4:15). Neither was he asexual, like a robot from some science-fiction movie. Instead he sympathized with our weaknesses, though without sin, and thus in his joyful obedience served as the perfect example for us. What’s more, Jesus lived and died as the most human person in the history of the world. As God the Son, he has lived in eternal perfect unity and love with God the Father (John 17). As Jesus of Nazareth, he lived in time and space in perfect obedience to and love for his Creator ... So, when we embrace an understanding of sex that says it’s integral to humanity, when we say sexual fulfillment is identity-defining, we not only commit all the errors listed above—we also impugn Jesus as less-than-human and therefore less-than-a-Savior. Sex is not king, and it shouldn’t be. Instead, it’s designed to be shaped around the will of the King who gave us the gift of sex in the first place.” | Alex Duke

Biblical View of Sex

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

Malachi 2:15

Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.

Ephesians 5:31

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

Proverbs 5:18-19

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. 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 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.

Forgiveness for Sexual Sin

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

*Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the **sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality**, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. **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.***

Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.