

Does Jesus Call His Followers to be Sexually Pure?

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, God calls you to sexually purity. When you asked Jesus to save you, you made a decision to deny yourself, to take up your cross daily, and to follow Him (Luke 9:23). At that moment, the Holy Spirit came to live inside you. "The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you" (Romans 8:11). Only the Holy Spirit can make you holy and give you the power to live a sexually pure and godly life.

Paul writes, "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. 6:19-20). He calls us to a higher standard of living. "The Lord knows those who are His," and "**Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness.**" (2 Timothy 2:19).

God loves everyone and desires for all to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). Jesus came to earth to die for our sins and He will forgive every sin including those of sexual nature, if we will repent and receive His forgiveness.

The following verses are what God has revealed in the Scriptures concerning sexual purity for followers of Jesus Christ.

John 8:11 Speaking to the woman caught in adultery, Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go your way. From now on sin no more."

Matthew 5:27-28 Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery' but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Matthew 19:9 Jesus said, "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Mark 7:21,23 Jesus said, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries...all these things proceed from within and defile the man."

Hebrews 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

1 Thess. 4:3-5 For this is the will of God, your sanctification, that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality, that each of you know how to possess his own vessel (body) in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God.

1 Thess. 4:7-8 For God has not called us to impurity, but to sanctification. Therefore, the person who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you His Holy Spirit.

1 Thess. 2:12 Walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory

1 Thess. 5:22 Abstain from every form of evil

1 Tim. 1:9-10 The law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers and mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching.

1 Tim. 4:7 Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness

1 Tim. 6:3-4 If anyone advocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing.

2 Tim. 1:9 Who saved us, and called us with a holy calling

2 Tim. 2:19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness."

2 Tim. 2:22 Now flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Tim. 2:25-26 Correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

2 Tim. 3:5 Holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power, and avoid such men as these.

2 Tim. 3:12 And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2 Tim. 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

Titus 2:1,11-12 Speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine...For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

1 Cor. 5:1,12-13 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife...Do you not judge those who are within the church? But those outside God judges.

1 Cor. 5:9,11 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with immoral people...but actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person.

1 Cor. 6:9-10 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall 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, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Cor. 6:13 Yet your body is not for immorality, but for the Lord

1 Cor. 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? May it never be!

1 Cor. 6:18 Flee immorality.

1 Cor. 6:20 For you have been bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Cor. 7:1-2 It is good for a man not to touch a woman, but because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

1 Cor. 10:8,11 Nor let us act immorally, as some did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day...Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction.

1 Cor. 10:13 No temptation have overtaken you but such is common to man, and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Cor. 13:6 Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth.

2 Cor. 5:15 He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Cor. 6:17 "Therefore come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean, and I will welcome you."

Ephesians 1:4 He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Ephesians 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

2 Peter 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.

Other passages: Exodus 20:14,17, Leviticus 18:7-30, Proverbs 5:1-23, 6:23-32, 7:1-27, Romans 1:24-32, Ephesians 5:3-13, Titus 1:15-16, 2:11-14.