

*"I know some muddle-headed Christians have talked as if Christianity thought that sex, or the body, or pleasure, were bad in themselves. But they were wrong. Christianity is almost the only one of the great religions which thoroughly approves of the body--which believes that matter is good, that God Himself once took a human body . . ." **C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity***

(I) IS SEX WRONG? AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER?

Sex is a good _____ (1) from a _____ (2) that must be enjoyed in a very particular way in the covenant . . . of marriage between a man and a woman.

God understood that for that good gift to be enjoyed, maximally, it must take place in a very particular kind of a way.

(II) WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT SEX?

The Bible is Clear:

(A) Outside of the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, the Bible says sex is wrong . . . sin.

- (1) Premarital sex [is] wrong.
- (2) Extramarital/Adultery sex [is] wrong.
- (3) [So is] unnatural sex like:
 - (a) Homosexuality
 - (b) Lesbianism
 - (c) Bestiality

(B) The Purpose of Sex

- (1) Procreation--God intends in . . . the act of sex is that we _____ (3) the race.
- (2) Through sex God's way, God wants to maximize our:
 - (a) Protection--If the whole world were to do sex in God's way, every STD . . . disappears from planet Earth in one _____ (4).
 - (b) Pleasure--God gave us sex to bring pleasure. Those who are faithful in marriage and those who have saved themselves for marriage actually experience

a more active and _____ (5) sex life than any other demographic group.

(c) Partnership--"I know my wife unbelievably well . . . part of that knowledge has resulted from the intimacy of our marriage bed."

(III) THE APPLICATION

(A) Right now, if you're single and abstinent:

(1) _____ (6) that way, because you will not regret it later.

(B) If you're single and sexually active:

(1) Stop. You're running some tremendous risks.

(1) The risk of an unwanted pregnancy.

(2) The risk of a _____ (7).

(3) The risk of psychological scarring.

(C) If you're already sexually active, you do have hope.

(1) You have the great hope of _____ (8) through Jesus Christ.

(2) Furthermore, [if] you begin to conduct yourself in this kind of a way, that future mate is going to be delighted that you saved yourself as long as you could for them and for marriage.

(D) If you're married and involved in an adulterous relationship, [we] plead with you:

(1) Stop.

(2) Confess your sin to God . . . He will forgive you if you confess your sin.

(3) Be _____ (9) with your mate. God will honor your honesty with your mate.

(4) Begin to be faithful to that covenant in the way God called you to--one man, one woman, together forever

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 1:28; Hebrews 13:4

RECOMMENDED FURTHER READING:

Sex is Not the Problem (Lust is): Sexual Purity in a Lust-Saturated World, *Joshua Harris*
Sexual Ethics: An Evangelical Perspective, *Stanley J. Grenz*

Unfiled: Redemption from Sexual Sin, Restoration for Broken Relationships, *Harry Schaumburg*



1. good gift
2. great God
3. procreate
4. generation
5. more fulfilling
6. Stay
7. venereal disease
8. forgiveness and cleansing
9. honest