

Flee from Sexual Immorality!

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.

What is the Ekklesia Wall? The “Set Apart” ones

Acts 15:28-29 *“It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: ²⁹ You are to abstain from **food sacrificed to idols**, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from **sexual immorality**. You will do well to avoid these things.”*

How do sexual immorality and idolatry go together?

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV) ***Flee from sexual immorality.*** *All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

What is sexual MORALITY?

What is sexual IMMORALITY?

What is the message to the Ekklesia as it relates to unholy sexual immorality?

- Sexual immorality clears the path for relational _____.
- Sexual immorality _____ the life God created in me.
- Sexual immorality is a short path for greatest _____.
- In seeking freedom through sexual immorality, I find _____.
- Sexual immorality invades the _____, not just the body.

How can I personally navigate this? How do we, as God’s Ekklesia body, navigate this?

- Live out the gospel of _____.
— 1 Corinthians 6:12
- Learn the practice of _____!
— 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Confront the adaptation of _____ into my personal habits.
— 1 Corinthians 5:9-10
— Romans 12:1-2
- Distinguish _____ from patience and repentance.
— Romans 2:4
- Live under the gospel of _____.
— Romans 5:8
— Romans 5:21



Digging Deeper

(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)

READ THIS ALOUD TO THE GROUP, then discuss the implications. *(10 minutes)*

Today's subject of sexual immorality is one of the most prevalent topics in our society. We see it, hear about it, watch it, think about it, and are confronted with it almost non-stop. It has become a "religion" in our world. At the same time, it is one that is so rarely dealt with in clarity and maturity, with care and with God's truth. Sex destroys more homes, careers and lives, and deadens more souls, than just about any other issue WHEN it is lived out in an immoral way. The deadly consequences of sexual abuse are some of the most painful issues that many of us deal with. For today, let's not get caught up in the knee-jerk reaction of shaking our fingers and blaming the world for all its ills. Next week, we will deal with how to react to our society. But for today, we would do well to first react to how each of us deals with **sexual immorality in our own lives** and in our Church, His **Body**, His **Ekklesia**.

As a group, spend time walking through the ways to personally and corporately navigate this painful issue. Read the verses provided, and think through other verses. *(30 minutes)*

- Discuss the practice of **lordship**.
- Discuss the practice of **fleeing**.
- Discuss the practice of adapting the **cultural lifestyles** around us into our own personal habits.
- Discuss the point made about distinguishing **tolerance** from patience and repentance.
- Discuss how we can find and live under the gospel of **grace**.

As a group, talk about the best ways to help families with children navigate this issue as we raise children up in the Lord. *(10 minutes)*

PRAYER TIME *(10 minutes)*

- Spend time praying for one another around this issue.
- Spend time praying for the children in our church around this issue.