

# Glorify God In Your Body

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## Introduction

Review of last week: 1. Man and Woman are both made in God's image. 2. Man and Woman are different and designed perfectly to complement one another. 3. Man and Woman perfectly complement one another sexually.

God's design for sexuality is "heterosexual monogamy in the covenant of marriage"

## I. How Great Was that Fall – Genesis 3:1-24

### A. The Fall from Grace

### B. Changed Relationship – we see brokenness and rupture occur in relationships.

- a. **Between the woman and man** – conflict, animosity
- b. **Between man and God** – separation, rebellion

### C. Changed Condition

### D. Believing the Lie – Satan is the father of lies; see John 8:44.

1. **Subtle Lies** – "Did God actually say..."

2. **Direct Lies** – "God doesn't care about you"

**What are we aiming for?** Sexual identity and sexuality that aligns with God's purposes for humanity; "heterosexual monogamy in the covenant of marriage".

## II. Missing the Mark on sexuality

**A. Sexual Immorality** – Ephesians 5:3 & I Thess. 4:3-7; the Greek word *porneia* (πορνεία) is usually translated "sexual immorality" and applied to a variety of activities that God has revealed as sinful. The word pornography comes from this word.

### B. Missing the Mark

**1. Polygamy** - Lamech – (Gen. 4:19), Abraham (Gen. 16:3), Esau (Gen. 26:34; 28:9), Jacob (Gen. 29:30), Gideon (Judges 8:30), Elkanah (I Sam 1:1-2), David (2 Samuel); OT law against it (Lev. 18:18; Deut 17:17); Problems with polygamy include disruption (Gen. 29:30), jealousy (Gen. 21:9-10), foreign wives leading astray (I Kgs 11:4); monogamy is still the ideal: Prov. 12:4, 18:22, 19:14; Psalm 128:3; Prov. 31:10-31.

**2. Adultery** – 10 commandments (Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18); Leviticus 18:20); Proverbs 6 & 7, 9.

**3. Homosexuality** – Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-29); Law of Moses (Lev. 18:33; 20:13); Homosexuality and Lesbianism (Romans 1:26-27); Homosexuality (I Cor. 6:9-10); reference to Sodom and Gomorrah (Jude 7).

**4. Sexual Exploitation** – read Leviticus 18:1-23 for examples of other sexual behaviors excluded by the Judeo-Christian moral system. See also I Corinthians 5:1.

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### III. The Big Picture about Sexual Immorality

**A. We Cannot Follow our Desires** – the fall of man has corrupted our desires; Ephesians 2:1-3;

**B. We must Recognize the Lies Satan is shouting through our culture.** Two big lies right now:

- 1) “The Bible doesn’t really condemn homosexuality” ; see passages above.
- 2) “God wants me to be myself; God would not want me to be unhappy, and doing whatever I want sexually makes me happy”.

| Sexual Immorality <b><i>Accepted and Approved</i></b> by our culture                                                                                                                    | Sexual Immorality <b><i>frowned upon</i></b> by our culture                                                                          |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-marital sexual relationships</li> <li>• Homosexual behavior</li> <li>• Divorce for any reason</li> <li>• Lust &amp; pornography</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adultery (debatable)</li> <li>• Incest</li> <li>• Bestiality</li> <li>• Polygamy</li> </ul> |

**C. Sexual Immorality is a big deal**

**1. Disqualifies one for the Kingdom** – I Cor. 6:9-10, 11.

**2. Powerful part of Human Nature** – one-flesh concept is powerful

**3. Sin against the body** – I Cor. 6:18

### Conclusion

Let us recommit ourselves to God’s beautiful design and not give in to the corruptions of it that have become part of the fall of man; let us keep our eyes on the target of purity, holiness, and God’s design and be able to recognize the ways that design is being corrupted.