

Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 & 1 Thess. 4:1-7

LD 41: 108-109

Singing: 29:1-3 – 271:1-3 – 322:1-4 – 83:1-3

PROTECT THE GIFT OF OUR SEXUALITY (2)

I. The Gift of our Sexuality II. The Protecting of gift of our Sexuality

II. Protecting the gift of sexuality

A. God calls us to protect our sexuality for several reasons: 1 Cor. 6:12-20

1. vs. 12-13: *to enjoy our sexuality is lawful but not to be indulged into*

2. vs. 13b: *the body (including sexuality) is for Lord and the Lord for body*

3. vs. 14-17: *as believers our bodies & spirit also are united to Christ's body*

4. vs. 18: *sexual sins are most destructive to your own body*

a. God's command is strong/clear: *Flee fornication*

b. God's warning calls attention to *great destruction of sexual sin 18b*

5. vs. 19-20: *sexual sin violate the indwelling Holy Spirit*

Conclusion thoughts from 1 Thess. 4:1-7:

A. Abstain from all forms of sexual sin is God's command: vs. 3-4; q. 109

1. unchaste actions include *self-satisfaction* through porn and masturbation

2. unchaste actions include suggestive *gestures/words that stir sexual feelings*

B. Sexual sins takes what doesn't belong to you: vs. 6

1. Any sexual activity with someone other than your *lawful spouse* is 'stealing'

a. our sexuality is for our *husband/wife* only: Prov. 5:20

2. Hidden sexual sin is one of the worst memories to live with: vs. 6

*"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
If we say that we no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:7-9*

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*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
(...)
I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my transgression unto the LORD;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
Ps. 32:1-2, 5*