

Message Notes

Modern Sex: Broken and Confused

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *A new series!*

What Time is it?

Creation – Naked and Unashamed
(Genesis 2:25)

Fall – Naked, Afraid and Ashamed
(Genesis 3:8-10)

Fall – You think you follow the Law?
(Matthew 5:26-27)

Redemption – Comes in Jesus Christ

What difference does the Gospel
make in our sexuality?
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

1. Gospel Living can be complicated!

1 Corinthians 6:12-13a

Romans 6:1-2, 5-8, 11-14

What the Gospel gives you

What the Gospel doesn't give you

2. Who we are as redeemed people

1 Corinthians 6:13b-15a

3. What's sex all about, anyway?

1 Corinthians 6:15b-17

4. Why sexual sin is so dangerous

1 Corinthians 6:18

5. Gospel Sexuality

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Gospel Application – *Three Realities as we
prepare for this series*

Genesis 2:25

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Genesis 3:8-10

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¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Matthew 5:26-27

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

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Romans 6:1-2, 5-8, 11-14

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*In order to understand the Bible and your life in God,
you need to answer the question:*

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The Story

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Fall

Redemption

Restoration

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*What difference does the
Gospel of Jesus Christ make to
those who follow him in
every area of life,
including sexuality?*

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Gospel Sexuality Messages:

The Brokenness and Confusion of our (Sexual) World

What's the point of sex anyway? (6/2)

Gospel Sexuality in a non-Gospel World (6/9)

Men and Women: Enjoying the Difference (6/16)

Sex and Singleness (6/23)

Gospel Sexuality and Same-Sex Attraction (6/30)

Lust: Dealing with the Dragon Within us (7/7)

Redemption: Picking up the Pieces of Broken Sexuality

(7/14)

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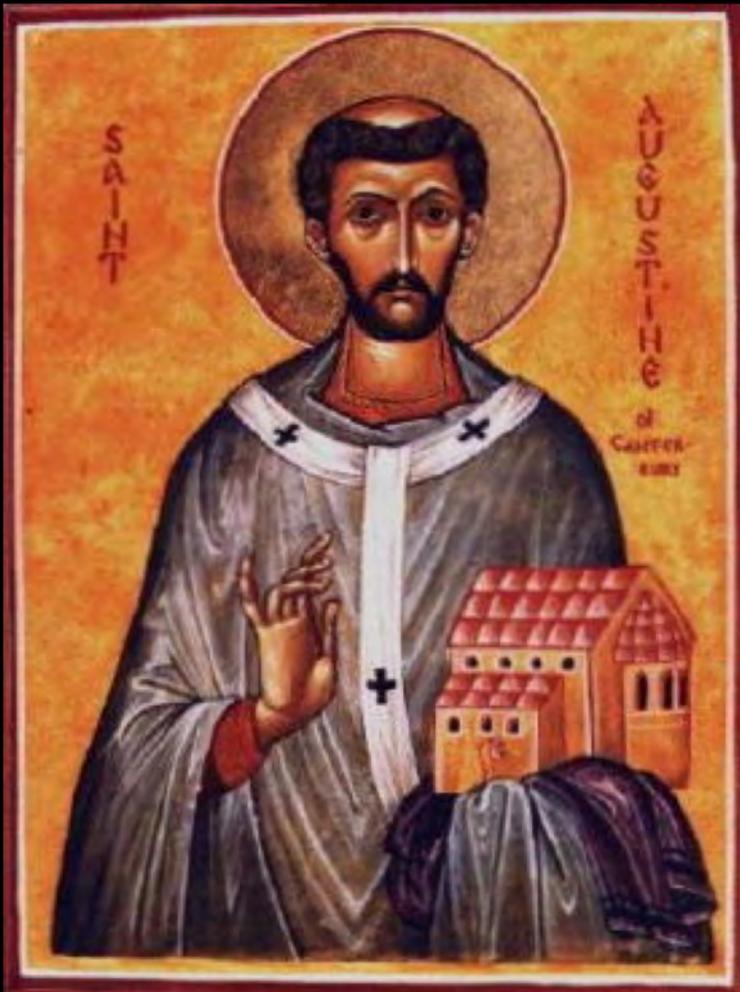
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“There is no redemption plan for the flesh” - Cor

“The great fact of the Christian faith is, not that it makes a man free to sin, but that it makes a man free *not* to sin.”

~ William Barclay, *Corinthians*,
56–57.

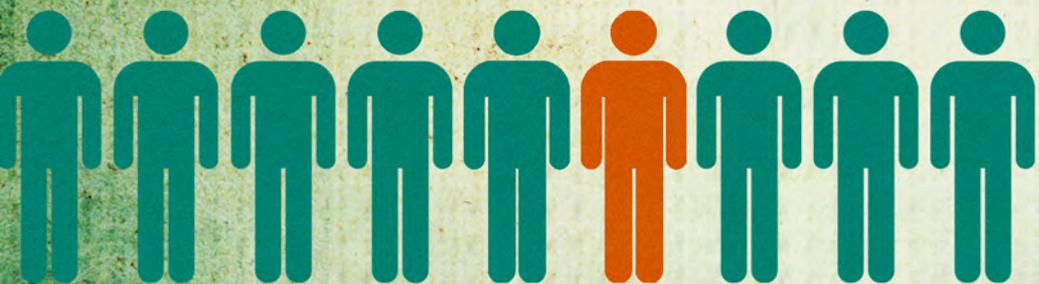


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WHO AM I

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D. S. Bailey states:

Verse 16 “displays a psychological insight into human sexuality which is altogether exceptional by first-century standards ... he insists that it is an act which, by reason of its very nature, engages and expresses the whole personality in such a way as to constitute an unique mode of self-disclosure and self-commitment.”

~ Brendan Byrne, quoted by F. F. Bruce, 1 and 2 Corinthians, 64

4. Why sexual sin is so dangerous

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[The person who sins sexually twists] precisely that faculty within himself that is meant to be the instrument of the most intimate bodily communication between persons. He sins against his unique power of bodily communication and in this sense sins in a particular way 'against his own body.' All other sins are in this respect by comparison 'outside' the body – with 'body' having in this verse the strong sexual overtones that appear to cling to it throughout the passage as a whole. No other sin engages one's power of bodily personal communication in precisely so intimate a way.

~ Brendan Byrne, "Sinning Against One's Own Body: Paul's Understanding of the Sexual Relationship in 1 Corinthians 6:18," *CBQ* 45 (1983): 613.

Identity Theft



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Gospel Sexuality: Q&A with Wesley Hill

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Author of *Washed and Waiting*:

Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality

Wednesday, May 28th

7 - 9pm at Hope Community Church

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1. Sexuality is so incredibly personal because it lands deeply on relational and identity issues