

Sexual Immorality 1Corinthians 6:18-20

Running Towards

Our society seems to be consumed & engrossed w/ Self-gratification & Sinful debasement.)

Result of Fornication in our society (2015 research)

Number of marriages: 2,118,000; Marriage rate: 6.8 per 1,000 total population

Divorce rate: 3.6 per 1,000 population (44 States and D.C.)

Teen pregnancy 15-19 -- 69.8/1000 (2008) / Teen births 15-19 -- 34.2/1000 (2010)

Abortion women 15-44 (legal 2011) -- 13.9/1000 women; 219/1000 live births.

Women in twenties accounted for the majority of abortions

In 2011, 19.1% of all abortions were medical abortions.

Unless hidden somewhere away from our civilization we know:

Young people faced with temptation of sexual immorality in school; among peers; & so on daily!

Assigned to play "gays" in school skit. One line, 'It's natural to be attracted to the same sex.' Two girls told to hold hands & pretend they were lesbians. Parents not informed

Married people face temptation of sexual immorality in workplace & maybe among their peers.

Young or old, face it from the media & society in general.

Ignoring the problem of sexual immorality has helped Satan entice young people with his devices

Even those old enough should have learned better years ago.

These Sins Have Always Been Condemned By God

Pre-marital sexuality, Homosexuality, Lesbianism, Bi-sexuality (as well as pre-marital Heterosexuality) are all condemned by God.

God's attitude toward sexual immorality shown early in OT - **Leviticus 18:20-23**

Regarding homosexuality -- popular argument: Biblical homosexuality/lesbianism) given "bad rap".

"Christian Homosexuals" argue is about temple worship!

During time of Mythology male & female temple prostitutes

Some say only practices of multiple partners God condemns

Refers to social & private activities & religious perversions

Menstrual uncleanness; wife swapping; Bestiality - **Leviticus 18:24**

This is the issue -- Therefore:

Sin of fornication (**v.20**) was the reason for God's wrath

False religion of offering one's children as burnt offerings was reason for God's wrath. (**v.21**)

Homosexuality was reason for God's wrath (**v.22**)

Sin of Bestiality was reason for God's wrath (**v.23**)

God says it defiles the one who participates in them -- not just as a religious practice but in any given situation or circumstance!

Clearly in mind all improper sexual behavior **Leviticus 20:10-22**

Sexual Immorality Is Still Condemned

Ephesians 2:14-16

Paul deals w similar issues in **Romans 1:18-32**

Since discussion includes false worship, some conclude such acts only condemned in relation to such worship. Text is clear such acts are condemned no matter their context

All are listed as the acts of unrighteous fools!

We must preach against such sinful perversion!

Willing to accept God's Word, accept Bible condemns all sexual immorality (Hetero or Homosexual)

- **1Corinthians 6:9**

Flee (run from sexual immorality) - **1Corinthians 6:18-20**

Paul's concern for those still in sin... - **2Corinthians 12:21**

Impurity

Sexual Immorality (fornication) – consensual sexual intercourse outside marriage
Sensuality (lasciviousness, lewdness) – sexually unchaste; disregarding sexual restraints
Dealing w/ overall problem of sexual immorality in brethren

Again, easy to see problems of this nature have existed since before Paul wrote letter.

However, seems to be a push, even in Lord's Church, to place such perversions, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, & such in a different category from what Paul taught against.

Don't be influenced by:

Musicians; Movie Stars; TV Shows -- where in almost all have "Homosexual/ gay" character

Any worldly influence says "born this way" or "it's normal".

"As long as they don't bother me I don't say anything."

Can't watch tv show w/o seeing, past time to re-evaluate!

Most who speak against such sexual perversion are portrayed as religious bigots, homo-phobic, etc.

Don't be afraid to stand for what is right & speak out about it!

We need to notice the agenda of Satan, so that we might properly defend against it and properly teach on it to our children and those we have opportunity to teach

Being embarrassed or uncomfortable w/topic (acting like it does not exist -- failing to teach and study w/ others about it) will not accomplish the proper outcome against Satan.

When opportunity arises, need to make known truth about it! - **1Timothy 1:8-11**

Properly used, God's Word will bring results! - **Hebrews 4:12**

God condemns & always has condemned sexual relations outside the marriage relationship between husband and wife. Even to the point of warning against lust in the heart and taking extreme measure to stop it. - **Matthew 5:27-30**

Run Away

Leave sin behind

Submit to the Gospel and live for God!

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