

“SALT AND LIGHT: Sexuality”

Our sexuality comes from **God**.

Genesis 1:1 NLT

In the beginning God created...

God invented **maleness** and **femaleness**, sex is God’s plan for human beings.

Genesis 1:26-28 NLT

Then God said, "Let **us** make human beings in our image, **to be like us**. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground. So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; **male and female he created them**.

God **commanded** sex!!! V28

Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.

Man and Woman are not **opposites**, they are **complementary**.

Genesis 2:18 NLT

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Male and **Female** were designed by God to be united into one.

Genesis 2:22-24 NLT

Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. **“At last!”** the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’” This explains why a **man** leaves his father and mother and is joined to his **wife**, and the **two are united into one**.

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The **Fall** changed Sexuality Forever

Genesis 3:7 NLT

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Genesis 3:18 NLT

Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.

God made sexuality for **intimate** pleasure and companionship.

1 Corinthians 7:2-5 NLT

...there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. The husband should fulfill his wife’s sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband’s needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won’t be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Male and Female are **equal** in Christ.

Galatians 3:28 NLT

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Submission is an attitude all Christians should have toward one another.

Ephesians 5:21 NLT

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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God uses Love and **Sexuality** to describe himself to men and women.

Ephesians 5:28-33 NLT

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

God gives boundaries for sexual expression: **One Man-One Woman** in marriage.

Matthew 19:3-6 NLT

Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: “Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?” “Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’”⁵ And he said, “‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.”

Fornication is all sexual conduct except that between a husband and his wife.

Adultery is breaking the marriage covenant.

Matthew 5:32 KJV

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of **fornication**, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

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We must become people of **The Word**

Psalms 119:9 NIV

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

John 17:17 NLT

Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.

Psalms 12: 6 NLT

The LORD's promises are pure, like silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times over.

Find Joy in Living a **Holy** Lifestyle

Psalms 51:12 NLT

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

1 Thessalonians 4:1,3-5,7-8 NLT

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, **anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God**, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Don't Resist Sexual Sin..... **RUN AWAY!!**

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 NLT

Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

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