

Elephant in the Room

Part 5—Sacred Sex: What the Bible Teaches about Human Sexuality

1. Three Components for Conversation.

- The _____ problems
 - We have redefined _____
 - We have removed absolute _____—whose truth?
 - _____nomous (God-law): Morality is determined by God and is unchanging
 - _____nomous (Another-law): Dictated from the top or an elite group (e.g. Marxism/Islam)
 - _____nomous (Self-law): Each person determines their own view of morality
- The _____ premises
 - God alone determines morality, and He has revealed His views and values through the _____
 - Christ followers have made a commitment to align their daily _____ with God's divine _____ no matter how difficult or culturally controversial
 - God allows us the freedom to choose our actions, but not the _____
- The _____ principles
 - Love and acceptance are _____ for believers
 - It is not judgmental to _____
 - Don't expect someone to act like a Christian _____

2. What the Bible Does _____ Say about Sexuality.

- Four lies:
 - A sexual act determines my _____
 - My _____ is up for grabs
 - An _____ implies a _____
 - Homosexuality is _____ than other forms of sexual immorality

3. What the Bible _____ Teach about Sexuality.

- Four truths:
 - God is _____ within biblical marriage

Genesis 1:27-28—²⁷So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply . . .” (NLT)

- Biblical marriage encapsulates every aspect of _____

Matthew 19:4-5—⁴“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁵And 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.’” (NLT)

Ephesians 5:31-32—³¹As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” ³²This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and church are one. (NLT)

- All sexual activity _____ of biblical marriage is condemned

Hebrews 13:4—⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. (NIV)

- Believers who choose to commit sexual immorality do not _____

4. What is a Christian to Do?

- Three steps:
 - Be _____

2 Timothy 2:15b—². . . Be a good workman . . . know what his Word says and means. (TLB)

- Do not be _____

Romans 12:2—²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world . . . (NLT)

- Be _____

Romans 12:2b—². . . but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. (NLT)

Action Step . . .

- Be an agent of change for God