

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford
1 Corinthians 7:1-16 Sermon Outline
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Theme: Sanctified Relationships

1. Sex Within Marriage - 1 Corinthians 7:1-6

- ***Marriage is God's design for intimacy***
- ***Sexual purity belongs in covenant marriage***
- ***Mutual affection and selflessness***
- ***Prayer strengthens marriage***
- ***Do not deprive one another***

2. Abstain While Unmarried - 1 Corinthians 7:7-9

- ***Different gifts from God***
- ***Singleness can be good***
- ***Marriage is better than burning with passion***
- ***Contentment in present circumstances***

3. Christian Couples - 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

- ***Christians are not to pursue divorce***
- ***Marriage is a lifelong covenant***
- ***God prefers repentance and restoration***
- ***Adultery and death as Biblical exceptions***
- ***Pursue reconciliation***

4. Mixed Marriages - 1 Corinthians 7:12-14

- ***Stay with the unbelieving spouse***
- ***The believer sanctifies the home***
- ***Christian influence matters***
- ***Children are set apart***
- ***Faithfulness becomes a witness***

5. Pursue Peace - 1 Corinthians 7:15-16

- ***If the unbeliever departs, let them depart***
- ***God has called us to peace***
- ***Pursue reconciliation when possible***
- ***Your life is a daily witness***
- ***Christ works through sanctified relationships***

Scripture Cross References (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

1 John 4:4: *“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*

Deuteronomy 1:39: *“Moreover your little ones and your children... who today have no knowledge of good and evil...”*

Isaiah 7:16: *“For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good...”*

2 Samuel 12:23: *“I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”*

Mark 10:14–15: *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”*

Romans 12:18: *“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”*

Hebrews 12:14: *“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness...”*

1 Peter 3:1: *“Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives...”*

1 Corinthians 9:22: *“...I have become all things to all, that I might by all means save some.”*