

B. A definition of Holy Sexuality (from Christopher Yuan)

1. if you're single, be sexually abstinent while fleeing
lustful desires
2. if you're married, be sexually and emotionally faithful
to your spouse of the opposite sex while also fleeing
lustful desires
3. Though we struggle as we strive to live in Holy
Sexuality, we continue to do so confident in

Conclusion: Our posture toward those not living in Holy Sexuality?

- A. Compassion because they are caught in the struggle with
_____ just like we are
- B. Unconditional love
 1. They still bear the _____ of God so they are
worthy of unconditional love
 2. Unconditional love is the way of Jesus & people may
get to know Jesus if we _____ them like he did
- C. As we relate to others with compassion & unconditional
love, we will accurately _____ God's image into the
world
- D. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

Sermon Notes

September 8, 2019 – Genesis 1:26-31
Holy Sexuality 1: A Biblical Foundation

Summary: The topic of human sexuality can be a messy one to wade through. But we need to delve into this topic and see what God says on this matter so that we can live out our personal sexuality with integrity and faithfulness.

Intro: A Confession

- A. Reluctance to speak on Human Sexuality
- B. Reasons for doing so. To help people:
 1. Know God's _____ for them
 2. Know God's _____ for them
 3. Know how to _____ their sexuality
 4. Know how to _____ with others
about this area of life
- C. A word of thanks to:
 1. Rosaria Butterfield - *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*,
 2. Christopher Yuan - *Holy Sexuality and the Gospel*, and
 3. David Bennett - *A War of Loves*.
- D. Language is very important
 1. Using biblical language on this topic
 2. Non-biblical language brings non-biblical
assumptions which _____ the conversation
- E. Truth spoken in love

I. **The Distorted Image** (Gen. 1:26-31)

A. 3 things from the passage

1. God created human beings in his _____
2. Sex & sexuality was God's _____
3. In its original form, sex & sexuality was very _____

B. Bearing the image of God means that:

1. We have a special _____ with our Creator
2. That we have special _____
3. Ideally, we would remind others of _____ & his rule & reign

C. Original sin

1. Is the _____ in us as a result of Adam & Eve's sin
2. The image of God in us has been corrupted & it is hard for others to be _____ of God when they look at us
3. Without God's saving work in our lives, it is impossible for us not to _____
 - a. When someone does not believe in God & lives a wayward sexual life
 - i. Their biggest problem is not their _____
 - ii. It is their lack of a relationship with _____
 - b. When Christians expect someone living a wayward sexual life

- i. To clean up their life before they follow Jesus
- ii. We are expecting them to do something that is _____ for them to do
- iii. And we cannot do it either

II. **The Perfect Image – Jesus** (Col. 1:15)

A. Only Jesus can help anyone experience _____ & wholeness in their sexuality

B. Because Jesus is the perfect image of God, we can look at Jesus and see what _____ is really like

1. Accepting those with _____ issues like tax collectors
2. Welcoming those with _____ issues like prostitutes

C. Jesus died on the cross & rose again to give us

1. Forgiveness for all our sins, including our _____ sins
2. New _____ with him that will last forever
3. A new nature uncorrupted by original sin which makes it possible for us not to _____

III. **God's Standard: Holy Sexuality** (1 Peter 1:16)

A. Holy Sexuality

1. The ideal is not heterosexuality
2. The ideal is _____