

B. Original Sin

1. Is the corruption that resulted from Adam & Eve's _____.
2. Without God's _____ work in our lives, it is impossible for us to not sin

C. Holy Sexuality

1. Because Jesus came into the world to pay the full cost of _____ for all sins, we are able, with His help, to dedicate ourselves to Holy Sexuality
2. A Definition (from Christopher Yuan)
 - a. If you're single, be sexually abstinent while fleeing lustful _____;
 - b. If you're married, be sexually and emotionally _____ to your spouse of the opposite sex while also fleeing lustful desires

II. How to be Faithful When the Dominant Worldview is not Christian?

- A. For centuries, Christianity was the dominant _____ of the Western World
 1. It was culturally advantageous to be a _____
 2. Christians made the _____ for society
- B. That began to change about 60 years ago
 1. Now Christianity is on the _____ of society

2. Now society's _____ are no longer being made according to Christian standards

III. Being Marginalized is not a Problem for the Christian Faith

- A. Jesus: "My Kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36
 1. He did not come to gain political or cultural _____
 2. He gave up what He had for us so we could have what was His: a place in God's family as beloved, forgiven _____ of God
- B. Early Christians lived as Jesus did
 1. Sacrificially _____ the sick & abandoned
 2. Willing to _____ for the truth of their faith
 3. Their faithful witness inspired others to _____
- C. They recognized that God works through the authority of _____ leaders, including non-Christians (Rom. 13:1)
 1. Christians _____ all government authorities
 - a. Unless those authorities call them to _____ God
 - b. Then we obey God rather than _____ (Acts 5:29)
 - c. But we must be prepared to _____ for our civil disobedience
 - d. Our motivation is the well-being of _____, not ourselves
 - e. Our life is forever _____ in God's loving care

D. The Era of Christendom began in the 4th century AD and it is now _____

Conclusion: It is time for Christians to go back to their roots

A. And forget about privilege, perks and _____

B. And be filled by Jesus and His love so that it overflows in concern for the welfare of _____

1. We don't want people to be bullied or commit suicide because they are different

2. We don't want people's lives to be complicated by sexual sin of any kind

3. We want something better for ourselves & for others

C. We know that the only answer to all of our _____ temptations & problems is Jesus

1. Jesus wants to give you healing & wholeness in all areas of your life, including your sexuality as we rest in His love & let Him live His life through us

D. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

Sermon Notes

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Holy Sexuality 2: Being Faithful in a Changed World

Summary: Our society has changed so rapidly over the past few decades that it seems like our old ways of navigating human sexuality issues no longer work. But in the past in times like these, Christians were able to be a great blessing to the world around them as they rested in Jesus' love & let Him live His life through them. Jesus will help us to be faithful in a changed world.

Intro: An app that no longer gives good directions

A. Societal standards for human sexuality have _____ rapidly

B. It can seem like the old ways we used to sort out these issues don't _____ anymore

C. What does faithfulness look like for a follower of Jesus in this changed world?

D. How can the Christian Church be a source of light and hope in this changed world?

I. A Review

A. The Image of God - All human beings bear the image of God & are therefore of infinite _____