Sexual Immorality or Porn If I CONTINUE in this, am I still going to heaven?



Proud of you!

We are so proud of you for facing this important question. So many people avoid this question because they don't have the courage and discipline to dig through the scriptures to find the logic and truth of God's heart!

In this study, we will tackle three topics.

- 1. Is this subject covered STRONGLY in Scripture?
- 2. The Logic and Reasons WHY Intentional Immorality is Renouncing Jesus.
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- 3. The root issue is to understand Salvation!

Yes! One hundred times - Yes!

There are few subjects covered more strongly in scripture than this. The Bible repeatedly and forcefully makes it abundantly clear that a person who **CONTINUES** in Sexual Immorality or Pornography is **NOT** going to heaven!

It is worth the extra effort to read each of these scriptures carefully.

Let's start with what the Bible says about those who **TEACH** God's people that you can continue in sexual immorality and still go to heaven.

<u>Jude 4</u> (NIV) For certain individuals whose **condemnation** was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are **ungodly** people, who **pervert** the **grace** of our God into a **license** for **immorality** and **deny Jesus Christ** our only Sovereign and Lord.

What a CLEAR and frightening scripture for those who tell people that you can continue in sexual immorality and still go to heaven. The book of Jude goes on. Three verses later it makes it clear that those who choose to follow this lie and continue in sexual immorality will be in Hell forever.

<u>Jude 7</u> In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the Punishment of Eternal Fire.

There are many clear scriptures that anyone who intentionally continues in sexual immorality will not go to heaven!

<u>Heb. 13:4</u> Marriage should be honored by all and the marriage bed kept pure, for **God** will **JUDGE** the **adulterer** and all the **sexually immoral**.

<u>Eph. 5:3-5</u> But among you there must **NOT** be **EVEN** a **HINT** of **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**, or of **any kind** of **impurity**, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No **immoral**, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has **ANY INHERITANCE** in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

<u>Col. 3:5-6</u> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the **WRATH** of **God** is coming.

<u>Heb. 12:16</u> See that no one is **SEXUALLY IMMORAL**, or is **GODLESS** like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. The Bible says that being **Sexual Immoral** is to be **Godless**!!!

<u>Rev. 22:12-15</u> "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.¹⁵ **OUTSIDE** are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the **SEXUALLY IMMORAL**, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

This verse obviously applies to those who **NEVER REPENTED** of those sins. The worst part of those who live in on-going or continual sexual immorality is that they never actually repent. They **CONTINUE** in this lifestyle.

<u>Rev. 2:19-23 20</u> Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. This is another passage CONDEMNING those who TEACH others that they can continue to

commit sexual immorality and continue to go to heaven.

<u>Rev.21:8</u> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the **SEXUALLY IMMORAL**, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the **fiery lake** of **burning sulfur**. This is the second death." This verse is clear that unrepentant sexual immorality means Hell forever.

<u>I Cor. 5:9-12</u> I wrote to you in my letter NOT to ASSOCIATE with SEXUALLY IMMORAL people— ¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who CLAIMS to be a brother or sister but is SEXUALLY IMMORAL or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. ¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

<u>1 Cor. 6:9-10</u> Or do you not know that wrongdoers will **not inherit** the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: **Neither** the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit** the kingdom of God.

<u>I Thess. 4:3-8</u> It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should **avoid sexual immorality**; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, **he who rejects this** instruction does **not reject man but God**, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

<u>II Tim. 2:19 19</u> Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord **must turn away** from **wickedness**."

2. <u>The Logic and Reasons WHY Intentional Immorality is Renouncing Jesus.</u>

We have a 45 page booklet titled: *"Medical Monogamous Information-Sex God Loves It!"* It is filled with scientific, logical, empirical, Biblical, counseling and medical Information that explains why sex outside of marriage is so destructive both spiritually and to the human soul. It also gives 17 interesting scientific studies related to this subject. If you would like an expanded explanation on any of these points, you can read this booklet.

i. <u>Sexual Immorality is USING people and the OPPOSITE of Love!</u>

The definition of love in every culture is: "Doing what is best for someone else at any cost to oneself."

When a person wants to PROTECT the soul of someone they love, they instinctively know that by choosing to wait until AFTER the commitment of marriage to have sex that their actions convey they have chosen to do what is BEST for this person and they LOVE this person much more than they desire their OWN PLEASURE!

The opposite is also true. When a person lives for **PLEASURE** more than they care about any other person, they

have no problem **USING** people for their own pleasure. Sexual Immorality is a horrible sin. It is **TAKING** the most **intimate** part of a person for one's own pleasure.

Mt. 24:12 Because of the **increase** of **wickedness**, the **love** of most will grow **cold**

ii. Responsibility BEFORE Reward

"Responsibility BEFORE Reward" is the foundational cornerstone of all stable societies. If you interviewed for a job and the HR manager told you the good news that they were "CONSIDERING" offering you the job, you would generally respond by wanting to show how eager you are to do a good job carrying responsibility.

However, if you responded by telling that HR manager that you wanted to be **PAID** – 5 YEARS worth of salary **BEFORE** you would **even consider** taking the job – you would be shown the door so quickly that they might take you to a mental institution. They would think you are so selfish that you are crazy.

This is the person who wants the Reward BEFORE committing to Responsibility! Sex is the most intimate reward a person can give! For someone to want this reward BEFORE committing the responsibility of cherishing and protecting this soul for a lifetime is pure evil. This person is a sinkhole of selfishness.

iii. Sex is a picture of the Covenant with Jesus – Sex outside of marriage is Renouncing Jesus.

Ephesians 5:21-33 is the most extensive passage in the Bible on marriage. In the midst of this passage verses 31-32 makes a profound statement that sex between a husband and wife is a **picture** of the **covenant** between Jesus and a Christian. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the **two** will become **one flesh**." ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am **talking** about **Christ** and the **church**.

God created sex as a picture of the reward of heaven and salvation. The tenderness, intimacy and joy of sex **AFTER** a lifelong commitment is the closest picture of us giving our lives to Jesus.

This is why sex outside marriage is so evil. Such a person is not just a selfish taker but in demanding the pleasure of using another human being at the deepest level without responsibility they have renounced the very foundation of the gospel of Jesus. They have renounced Jesus!

iv. Sexual Immorality and Porn are the most INTENTIONAL of all sins

Sexual immorality is also the most **INTENTIONAL** of all sins. No one accidentally gets involved in continual sexual sin. They choose to purposely avoid boundaries that would protect them. They choose to walk in directions that they know in advance will produce immorality.

A person may not plan in advance to get angry or fearful or to exaggerate a statement. Those sins can sneak up on a person who has Godly boundaries. However, the only way a person commits **CONTINUAL** sexual immorality or porn is to **PLAN** on it. *Hebrews 10:26-27 If we deliberately keep* on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

3. The root issue is to understand Salvation!

i. So many DECEIVED people

It is shocking how many people we meet who openly intend to continue in sexual immorality or porn and foolishly assume that they are Christians and are going to heaven. Never before in history has such massive deception and perversion existed. The Bible explains that great deception will be a mark of the end times.

<u>1 Tim. 4:1</u> The Spirit clearly says that in LATER TIMES some will abandon the faith and follow DECEIVING spirits and things taught by demons.

<u>II Tim. 2:1, 13</u> But mark this, there will be terrible times in the LAST DAYS...¹³ While evil men and imposters will go from bad to worse **DECEIVING** and **BEING DECEIVED**.

<u>1 Thess. 2:10</u> and all the ways that wickedness DECEIVES those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. (I Thess. 2:1-11 is about End Times Deception)

ii. <u>6 passages that say that MANY will assume that they are Christians and find out **too late** that they are **not** Christians and are **condemned** to **Hell** for Eternity</u>

Jesus warned CONSTANTLY about many people who FALSELY ASSUME they are Christians. If people were deceived throughout history, how much more will this be a problem in the LAST DAYS when deception rules.

<u>Mt. 7:21-23</u> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.²² **Many** will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I **never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers**!'

<u>Mt. 7:13-14</u> "Enter through the narrow gate. For **wide** is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and **many** enter through it. ¹⁴ But **small** is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a **few** find it. (These verses are mathematically frightening! They present the deceived as the strong majority)

<u>Matthew 25:1-13</u> The Parable of the Ten Virgins⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' ¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I **don't know you**.'

<u>Luke 12:35-37a, 38-46 The Unfaithful Servant</u>⁴⁶ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will **cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers**.

Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<u>Matthew 25:31-33. 41-46</u> The Sheep and the Goats ⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, **'Depart from** *me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.* For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, **'Lord,** when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will **go away to eternal punishment**, but the righteous to eternal life."

iii. Salvation STARTS with DEATH

These four words **"Salvation Starts with Death"** SEPARATE the Real Christians from the Foolishly Assuming False Christians. For real Christians, the concept of going through this death is very real, clear and obvious.

Real Christians have deeply embraced these two truths.

- 1. There is **No LIFE** or **Fulfillment** in our own **Selfish** way of running our own life. Jesus is the **ONLY** source of Life!
- 2. Apart from Jesus, I am Selfish, Self-Deceived & can NOT ever be Pure or Clean. Apart from Jesus, I DESERVE Hell!

Facing these two horrible truths is a type of death.

This message of the **"Nature of Man – apart from Jesus"** is consistent throughout the entire Bible. It is the central theme of every book of the Bible. This **"Death**" is the starting place of salvation for every true Christian.

- 1. <u>Col. 3:3</u> For **you died** and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
- 2. <u>II Tim. 2:11-12</u> Here is a trustworthy saying: **If we died** with him, **we will also live with him**; if we endure, we will also reign with him, If we disown him, he will also disown us;
- 3. <u>Romans 6:5</u> if we have been **united** with him, like this **in his death** like his, we will certainly also be **united** with him in his resurrection. (Death mentioned **20** times in **23** verses in Romans 6 the chapter on Victory)
- 4. <u>Galatians 2:20</u> I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Once we face this death we gladly EXCHANGE our life with Jesus. In this exchange, we give ALL of our life to Jesus and we live ONLY for Him. Thus, the real Christian is **NEVER tempted** to run their own life or turn back to **SELF**-Rule because they already know that **ALL** of selfishness is **MISERY**, **EMPTINESS**, **PAIN & DEATH**!

We live FOR Jesus and He lives THROUGH us!

iv. Salvation includes the Lordship of Jesus

Here are 10 more passages that say that Jesus has to be the **CENTER** of our life and our **ONLY** reason for living or we can **NOT** be a Christian.

1. <u>Luke 14:26-33</u> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me can NOT be my disciple.²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' ³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do **NOT** give up **EVERYTHING** you have can **NOT** be my **DISCIPLES**.

- 2. <u>II Cor. 5:15</u> And he died for all that those who live should **NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES** but for HIM who died for them and was raised again.
- 3. <u>Rom. 6:22-23</u> But now that you have been **set free** from **sin** and have become **SLAVES** to **God**, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the **result** is **eternal life**. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 4. <u>Romans 10:9</u> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is **Lord (SLAVE-Master),"** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**.

A slave does not get up in the morning and start planning their day. A slave wakes up in the morning and spends every minute asking: *"What does my master desire of me?"*

- <u>Mt. 16:24-25</u> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.
- <u>II Tim. 2:19</u> Never the less, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription, the Lord knows those who are his and EVERYONE who confesses the name of the Lord MUST TURN AWAY from WICKEDNESS.
- 7. <u>Matthew 7:19-21</u> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. **Not everyone** who says to me, `Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only** he who **does the will** of my Father who is in heaven.
- 8. <u>Acts26:20</u> I preached that they should **repent** and turn to God and **demonstrate** their repentance by their **deeds**.
- 9. <u>I John 2:6</u> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.
- 10. <u>Matthew 10:37-39</u> "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

v. Being Restored from Sexual Immorality and Pornography can be painful.

When a person is ready to repent of sexual immorality or pornography, they often do not recognize the damage that has been done to their soul. By living in raw perverted selfishness, they have torn down the fabric of their soul and usually invited demonic powers of harassment.

The longer and deeper someone drowns in this selfish perversion, the more damage is done to their souls.

When they repent, Jesus is ready to restore them but they have created an addiction in their flesh that will require discipleship with Godly Christians through the Word of God and the Spirit of God to bring freedom.

Jesus forgives sins. However sin has consequences.

The more a person gives themselves fully to be discipled in God's Word and serves faithfully in God's Church, the sooner they will receive full freedom and victory and have their soul restored. We have been blessed to see many hundreds of people fully restored to freedom and victory. Their innocence, purity, character, and love are restored to God's original design. It is a beautiful thing to see!