



Pleased to be pure

Holy Sex: When two become one

1 Corinthians 6v12-20

Sunday November 13th 2016

Singing to the world's tune (v12-13)

Be body-conscious—from the Lord's perspective (v12-13)

'Few forces in life prove to be as overwhelming as sexual arousal. This powerful fire is easily lit and very difficult to extinguish. Lack of self-discipline quickly leads to addiction so that sexual gratification becomes a 'prison'. Its destructive danger needs to be recognised ahead of times of temptations. We should take care not to expose our vulnerability by reading inappropriate literature, watching unsuitable videos or visiting the seductive sites on the internet.'

(Paul Barnett '1 Corinthians' 105)

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Start as you mean to go on (v14)

The importance of spiritual 'union' (v15-17)

Why wrong sex is a spiritual problem (v15-17)

Sexual Union—when 2 become 1 (v15-17)

'The Bible's purpose for sex is that we be joined intimately to a person as a symbol of the joining of Christ with his church. So to engage in sexual immorality, even if it is somebody whom we are dating, and to seek to stimulate them physically is to engage in something that is a fundamental denial of the very purpose of sex. Sex is a bonding union of two people who are permanently, faithfully and publicly committed to each other, as an illustration of Christ's faithful commitment to his church.'

William Taylor, 'Revolutionary Sex'—p36)

Therefore flee... (v18)

Why is sex a big deal? (v18-19)

You are not your own and... (v19)

...God went out of his way to know you (v20)

Conversation starter:

How would you define happiness? What about contentment?

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Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

Please note: Be aware that some people may find these verses more uncomfortable to talk about. Please be sensitive!

- Was there anything particularly difficult, surprising or new in the talk?
- Can you think of examples of where the attitudes behind the statements in v12-13 are seen today?
- Why does Paul speak of 'not being mastered by anything?' What is the opposite of this? Is 'self-control' thought of as a good thing today?
- Look at the quote in page 2 of this handout. This view is so fundamentally different from what our world says. Do you agree with it? What will the church be perceived as being, if we faithfully live this out?
- Because this view is so different to our world—how can we begin to communicate it clearly?
- Paul says 'you are not your own' (v19) How does this make you feel. Does this feel undermining or encouraging?
- Are there any other things you want to raise from these verses?

Pray for one another, that we would be willing to be distinct in a fast changing world.