

SEXUAL IMMORALITY

πορνεία - to engage in sexual
immorality of ANY kind.

The text reading for today is

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

Opening prayer and Second reading of the text

There are three things I want to bring out in this passage

1. God DEMANDS the most THOROUGH PURITY

2. Sexual impurity AFFECTS other believers in the body

3. God will JUDGE the sexually immoral.

Today's reading in 1 Thessalonians
4 says...

For **YOU KNOW** what commandments
we gave you through the Lord Jesus

For this is the will of God,
YOUR SANCTIFICATION:

ἀπέχω

that you should **ABSTAIN** from sexual
immorality

1. To hold back, keep off, PREVENT
2. To be away, absent, distant

that each of you should know how to possess
his own vessel in **sanctification and
honor, not in passion of lust** like the
Gentiles who do not know God

1 Thessalonians 4:4-5

no one should take advantage of and
DEFRAUD HIS BROTHER in this matter,
because the Lord is the avenger of all such,
as we also FOREWARNED you and testified.

1 Thessalonians 4:6-9

**For God did not call us to uncleanness,
but in holiness. Therefore HE WHO
REJECTS THIS DOES NOT REJECT MAN,
BUT GOD, who has also given us His Holy
Spirit.**

1 Thessalonians 4:6-9

**Here the Scriptures declare that
it's a REJECTION of God that's
WHY decision-ism won't work.
The mind will reject God every
time.**

For those who would turn and
PROFESS to be a Christian there
were **FOUNDATIONAL**
REQUIREMENTS.

In Acts Chapter 15 Paul and Barnabas passed through Phoenicia and Samaria and were describing the **conversion of the gentiles to Christianity** and this caused great joy to all the brethren

However, certain men came down from Judea and taught the **Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be *SAVED*.**

See teaching module on what “Saved” means from a Biblical perspective.

Acts 15.1

This matter between Paul and the Jewish believers created such a disagreement among believers that Paul and Barnabas sent an inquiry to the Apostles in Jerusalem regarding the matter.

Here is the response to that inquiry

For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit,
and to us, to lay upon you no greater
burden than these NECESSARY
things:

Acts 15:28-29

that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Acts 15:28-29

For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit,
and to us, to lay upon you **NO GREATER
BURDEN** than these necessary things:

That's it - if you want to
CONVERT Christianity
and take on a **MORAL
WAY OF LIVING**. Its
starts here.

Acts 15:28-29

You **FIRST** need to **MASTER**
CONTROL over your body!

You **CAN'T** do this **BUT GOD CAN!**

So what the Apostles were saying about the matter is that if non-Jewish (gentile) believers professed belief in the Gospel of the Christ there **WERE CERTAIN BASIC REQUIREMENTS THAT PROVED THE GENUINENESS TO THEIR CONVERSION.**

1. **Abstain** from things polluted by Idols
2. **Abstain** from sexual immorality
3. **Abstain** from partaking of meat of strangled animals and partaking of blood

The apostles were of the opinion they should NOT put ANY additional burdens on NEW CONVERTS.

So if you were a **NEW CONVERT**
those were the requirements. That
was the **FIRST RUNG** in the ladder
toward Christianity.

By virtue of your **Spiritual UNION**
with Christ you **MUST** abide by these
3 SIMPLE Requirements so that you
are **NOT BURDENDED** as a **NEW**
CONVERT and fall away from **GRACE**

Abstaining from sexual immorality is one of the most essential requirements, the most fundamental requirements for the beginning of a Christian morality!

If you have NOT MASTERED this you
have not even arrived at the first rung
on the ladder to be a Christian.

**The MOST BASIC FUNDAMENTAL
REQUIREMENT SET FORTH from the
early Church Apostles was to
ABSTAIN from SEXUAL
IMMORALITY.**

This is **WHY DECISIONISM CANNOT EQUAL**
genuine **CONVERSION**. **ONLY** genuine
CONVERSION gives the **POWER** to live a
SANCTIFIED life.

Descisionism is a thing of the MIND

Conversion is of the HEART.

The increased presence of SEXUAL IMMORALITY in society is evidence that it has been given over to a DEPRAVED MIND.

All of Romans Chapter 1 explains the progression to a depraved mind.

Therefore God also gave them up to
uncleanness, in the lusts of their
hearts, to dishonor their bodies among
themselves

Romans 1.24

The Holy Spirit will NOT
STRIVE with you on this
matter! God will give you
over to it.

Believers are NOT supposed to
associate with ANY PERSON who
professes Christ and habitually
practices sexual immorality of
ANY TYPE

1 Corinthians 5:11

Let's look at a few scriptures on this matter

1 Corinthians 6.9

**No one practicing sexual immorality
will inherit the Kingdom of God.**

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that **the unrighteous**
WILL NOT INHERIT the kingdom
of God? Do not be deceived.

DO NOT BE
DECIEVED ON
THIS MATTER!

Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5.21

Sensuality within the Church is
EVIDENCE that there are many who
are UNCONVERTED

God HATES sensuality!

**WITH CERTAINTY - no
fornicator, unclean person, nor
covetous man, who is an idolater,
has any inheritance in the
kingdom of Christ and God**

Ephesians 5.6

Colossians 3.6

Because of THESE THINGS the wrath
of God is coming upon the sons of
disobedience

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, **sexually immoral**, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Revelations 21.8

These types of sins are
characteristic of the unbelievers and
the UNCONVERTED
believer

But outside are dogs and sorcerers and
SEXUALLY IMMORAL and murderers and
idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a
lie.

Revelations 22.15

Sexual sins VIOLATE THE BODY for
which God made it.

**Now the body is not for
sexual immorality but for the
Lord, and the Lord for the body**

1 Corinthians 6.13

**those who live should live no
longer for themselves**

2 Corinthians 5:15

Sexual immorality **PROFANES THE**
BODY as the temple place of Christ

Sexual immorality denies the claim God has on the body.

For you were bought at a PRICE

1 Corinthians 6.20

Galatians 5.19

***Sexual immorality is a deed of the
flesh***

Ephesians 5.3

But fornication and all uncleanness or
covetousness, **LET IT NOT EVEN BE NAMED
AMONG YOU**

**Sexual immorality is the MOST WICKED,
DEPRAVED, and VILE form of sin and it
DESTROYS the Body.**

It is a satanic stronghold and that's
WHY those who ENGAGE CANNOT
BREAK FREE from it without the Holy
Spirit.

Its an ABOMINATION AGAINST GOD.

It defies God and goes against nature

Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4.8

The calling of God in your life is to
the **MOST THOROUGH PURITY**
restraining your body from sexual
self-gratification allows the Spirit of
God to inhabit that vessel.

Closing prayer and deliverance from the bondage of sexual impurity

**Father God, in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ I pray -**

Help me to bow the knee to the
AUTHORITY OF YOUR WORD

Help me to submit to the **AUTHORITY**
OF YOUR SPIRIT who desires to
inhabit this vessel

**I humble myself in your presence
right now - wash Me Clean I pray**

**Receive me back as the prodigal who
was lost but now being found I return
to you - my heart cries within me for
your acceptance and forgiveness**

Cleans me from my SECRET sins

O God!

**I now REALIZE this vessel belongs to
you and I am not my own.**

You **CREATED** this vessel for your use. I am not my own but I have been purchased at a **VERY HIGH PRICE**

**I RESOLVE to OCCUPY YOUR VESSEL
in PURITY and HOLINESS**

**OCCUPY, I pray THIS VESSEL WITH ME AND
GIVE ME THE STRENGTH THROUGH YOUR
HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE THAT SACTIFIED LIFE
THAT YOU COMMAND OF ME.**

SO BE IT AMEN!

Closing