

Ephesians – Christian Ethics – Sexual Ethics – Part II – Ephesians 5:1-5

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God made us male and female (**Gen 1:26-28**). He made no distinction between sex and gender. Our gender is indicated by our sex. Any denial of one's gender or sex assigned at birth is sin. And he created sexuality for marriage which he intends to be between one man and one woman joined together in a life-long covenant commitment (**Mat 19:3-6**).

God's purpose for sexuality is for having children and for strengthening the marriage bond (**Gen 1:28, 2:24; 1 Cor 7:1-5, 6:16**). Any sexual activity outside of God's intention for marriage is sin (**1 Cor 6:9-20, 1 Thess 4:3-8, 1 Tim 1:9-10, Rom 1:18-32**).

Sexual sin is sin against God, against our own bodies (**1 Cor 6:18**), and against those we have wronged through it (**1 Thess 4:6**), and it is ultimately harmful for humanity (**Rom 5:12-14, 6:21**).

How to live in a Culture of Sexual Sin

I. Walk in _____.

II. Be _____ about the _____ of others.

A. Be humble about _____ between you and them.

B. Be humble about what you think you know about the _____ of their struggle.

C. Be confident in the _____.

— **1 Corinthians 6:11** | *And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (CSB)*

III. _____ like Christ.

A. Embrace personal _____.

B. Refuse to _____.

C. Don't _____ on the truth.

D. Share the _____.