

PERFECT IN HOLINESS

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. It is possible to be perfect. (Col. 4.12)
2. Though we are perfect, we are to grow and become better than our current level of maturity. (2 Pet. 3.18)
3. We are to be perfect in holiness. (1 Thess. 4.7; 2 Cor. 7.1)

I. CULTURE OF CORRUPTION

- A. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.14-16:** The way of the world.
1. Being a popular trade city, many brought with them their idolatry and immorality which influenced the city.
 2. Located in the city, the church was also influenced by their immorality. (2 Cor. 5.1; 6.9,10,13,19,20; 7.2)
- B. We live in a culture that is immoral.
1. In spite of the world in which we live, we are still to *“keep oneself unspotted from the world”* (James 1.27)
 2. Those who want to be like the world are setting themselves to be enemies of God. (James 4.4)

II. CALL OF SEPARATION

- A. There are two negative and two positive commands.
1. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.14:** *“Do not be unequally yoked together.”* Do not join with those who are different.
 2. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.17:** *“Do not touch what is unclean.”*
 3. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.17:** *“Come out from among them”*
 4. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.17:** *“Be separate.”*
- B. We are to be separate from the world.
1. **1 JOHN 2.15-17:** *“Do not love the world.”* Too many debate issues of morality because they love the world.
 2. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.17:** We are to perfect holiness in the fear of God. How do we do that?

CONCLUSION: We are to be perfect and holy as God is perfect and holy. (Matt. 5.48; 1 Pet. 1.15,16)

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

Jesus: Savior and Judge

A young boy had fallen down a well and began crying out for help. As it happened, a passerby heard his cries, ran to him, and rescued him by pulling him out of the well.

Some years later, this young boy is now a man. Because of his bad choices, he was arrested, and now he stood before the judge. As he waited for judgment, he recognized that this judge was the same man who rescued him from the well years ago. He begged this judge for mercy saying, “Don’t you recognize me? When I was a boy, you saved me when I fell into a well.” The judge answered, “When you needed help, I was your savior. Today, I am your judge.”

When He was born, God gave Him the name *“Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins”* (Matt. 1.21). When we obeyed the gospel, we were washed by His blood and made *“blameless and above reproach in His sight”* (Col. 1.22).

On the day of judgment, Jesus has also been assigned the role of judge (Acts 10.42; 17.31). The basis of His judgement will be the Bible (John 12.47,48). Right now, Jesus is your Savior. But there will be a day when He will be your Judge. As you stand before Him and face judgment, what will He have to say about the way you have lived your life (Matt. 25.31-43)? CLP

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WHAT DID JESUS MEAN TO CORNELIUS?

Acts 10:42

INTRODUCTION:

1. Being a Christian is much more than being members of the church. It is having a relationship with Jesus.
2. Studying what the disciples of Christ preached helps us learn more about Jesus. (Acts 1.8)
3. To Peter, Jesus was “Lord of all” (Acts 10.28,29,33). But who was Jesus to Cornelius?

I. CORNELIUS HEARD ABOUT JESUS

- A. There was an interest in the word of God.
 1. **Acts 10.24:** “*Now Cornelius was waiting for them*”
 2. What was this message? (Acts 10.22,33; 11.13,14)
- B. The message that was preached by Peter.
 1. **Acts 10.34-38:** The life of Jesus.
 2. **Acts 10.39:** The death of Jesus.
 3. **Acts 10.40,41:** The resurrection of Jesus.
 4. **Acts 10.42:** The commission of Jesus.

II. CORNELIUS BELIEVED IN JESUS

- A. There is a unified testimony.
 1. **Acts 10.43:** “*To Him all the prophets witness that*”
 2. Diversity of messengers. Same message. (Acts 3.24)
- B. There is a universal availability.
 1. **Acts 10.43:** “*whoever*”
 2. No matter who you are or what you have done.
- C. There is a universal condition.
 1. **Acts 10.43:** “*whoever believes in Him*”
 2. Faith only? (James 2.18)

III. CORNELIUS WAS BAPTIZED IN JESUS

- A. There is a sign.
 1. **Acts 10.44:** “*The Holy Spirit fell upon those who heard*”
 2. Peter interpreted this as a sign. (Acts 11.15,18)
- B. There is salvation.
 1. **Acts 10.47:** “*Can anyone forbid water...?*”
 2. **Acts 10.48:** “*He commanded them to be baptized*”

CONCLUSION: Jesus is the Judge. (Acts 10.42)

Why You Should Wait

Many justify sex outside of marriage. Some will claim that it is the best way to test out the relationship and see if they are compatible. Others will suggest that sex is an expression of love, and loving someone is never wrong. Then there are individuals who refuse to deny themselves what they desire. In 1 Corinthians 6, the Holy Spirit gives us three reasons why sex is to only be within the boundaries of marriage.

First, it is a commandment. In 1 Corinthians 6.9, the inspired apostle asks, “*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?*” He then gives a list of those who will be excluded. The first on this list is “*fornicators.*” The Greek word translated as “fornicators is “ *pornos.*” It comes from the root *pernemi*, meaning to sell. Paul’s picture is of someone who treats their body as something to be traded for momentary pleasure, outside of God’s design for sex to be between husband and wife. If you are engaging in any kind of sexual activity outside of marriage, you cannot go to heaven (cf. 1 Thess. 4.3-5).

Second, sex outside of marriage defiles God’s design. When you keep reading, Paul goes on to write, “*Do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For ‘the two,’ He says, ‘shall become one flesh’*” (1 Cor. 6.16). The word translated “joined” is the Greek word *kollao*, meaning, “to glue.” Literally, they are glued together. To emphasize this point, Paul quotes Genesis 2. It is here that God used the phrase, “*they shall become one flesh*” (Gen. 2.24; cf. Matt. 19.5,6), and it is used to describe what happens in marriage. To engage in sexual intimacy with someone creates a bond that should only exist between those who are married. Sex glues two people together in a way God designed exclusively for the covenant of marriage.

Third, your body belongs to God. Keep reading, and you come to verses 19,20. It is there that it says, “*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.*” Reserving sex for marriage is about obeying a command. It is about honoring God’s design. But it is also about ownership. Your body is not yours to do with as you please. It was purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The world says that waiting for marriage is old-fashioned. The world says that the Bible is outdated. But God created us (Ps. 100.3). God makes the exclusive decision of where you and I will spend eternity (Acts 17.30,31). It is God who said that He designed sex to be exclusively within a marriage relationship (Heb. 13.4). It is God who said that our bodies belong to Him. And it is God who said that if you refuse to submit to Him, you cannot go to heaven. Will you listen? CLP