

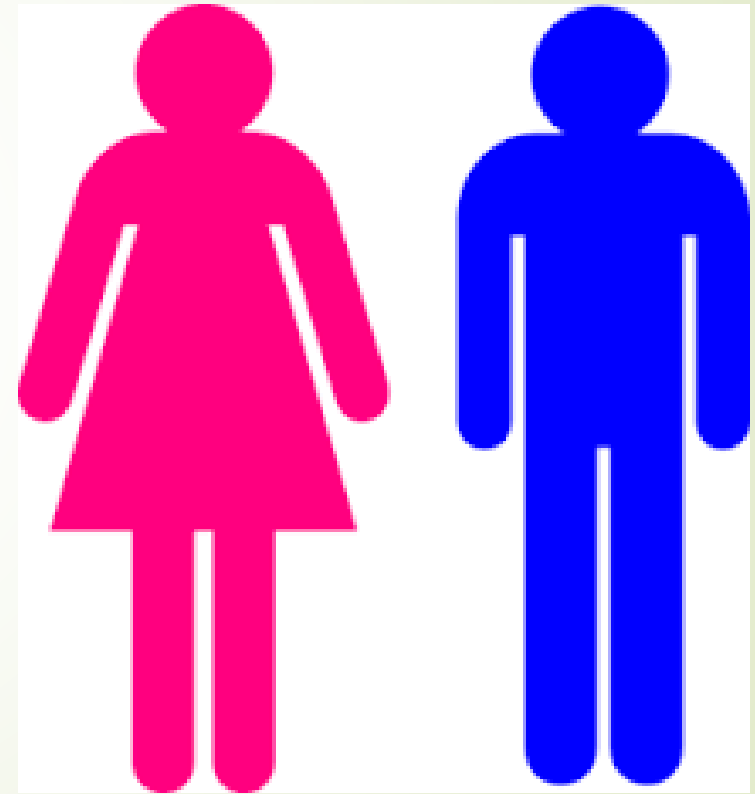
WHY IS THE BIBLE AGAINST SEXUAL IMMORALITY?



**FLEE FROM
SEXUAL
IMMORALITY**

GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF SEXUALITY

- ➔ **Gen 1:22** So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.





NOT INHERENTLY EVIL

- ▶ 1 Cor 7: 3 The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. 5 Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

SEX IS GOOD, BUT ABUSE IS NOT GOOD

- ▶ 1 Thes 4: 3 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 your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.



WHAT IS SEXUAL IMMORALITY?

- ▶ **Fornication:** 1 Cor 7: 1 Now for the matters you wrote about: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” 2 But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.
- ▶ **Adultery:** Matt 5:32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



WHAT ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY?

➤ SODOM AND GOMORAH

➤ LEVITICUS

➤ ROMANS 1

- MARRIAGE IS BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN
- SEX IS INTENDED ONLY IN MARRIAGE
- GOD DID INTEND INTIMACY BETWEEN SAME SEX PARTNERS
- GOD DID NOT INTEND SEXUAL INTERCOUSE BETWEEN SAME SEX PARTNERS



WRONG TO ELEVATE SEXUAL SIN ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

- ▶ **James 2:8** If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. **9** But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. **11** For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.



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- ▶ Gal 5:19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

WHY DID GOD INTEND MONOGAMY?

- **Gal 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- Sexuality was intended for faithfulness.
- Sexuality is temporary (**Matt 22**); faithfulness is absolute.
- Faithfulness is reflecting God: “ **1 Peter 1:14** As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. **15** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; **16** for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”



WHY IS THE BIBLE AGAINST SEXUAL IMMORALITY?

- Along with procreation, sexuality was also meant for intimacy and love.
 - It can be experienced in its fullness only in faithfulness.
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