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62. Marriage, Fornication, and Sodomy*

Scripture defines fornication as any perversion of the marriage bed, including, but not limited to incest, sodomy, and bestiality. Even the land is defiled for these sins.

Sodomy is the sin of Sodom for which it is named. When Abraham's nephew Lot came to Sodom, the men of the city wanted to "know" him – that is to commit sodomy with him. The city of Sodom was exceeding wicked before the LORD. Sodomy is worse than other sins in that it dishonors the bodies of people between themselves; it is a vile affection; it is against nature – it is unnatural. Sodomy, otherwise known as homosexuality or lesbianism, is men lying carnally with men and women lying carnally with women. Sodomite marriages are wrong; such wicked marriages pervert the pattern which God established in the beginning between one man married to one woman.

Ge.3:18-25, 19:4, 5; Le.18:1-25; 20:13; Ro.1:26, 27; 1Co.6:9, 18-20; 7:2; 1Ti.1:9, 10; He.13.4; Jude 7.

**This is an added article not in the 1644 COF.*

God has appointed that all human society live on this earth in a certain way. It was under article# 61, The World-wide Flood, we read that those of Noah's day *had corrupted His way.*

Ge 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

...

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

This way applies to every soul whether they are Christian or not. This way of God has been understood by man since the beginning of time and has universal witness in the earth.

The Law of God is universally comprehended: Ro.2.6, [He] *will render* [His judgment] *to every man according to his deeds ...* [based on what God has revealed to man, 1.19]; Ro.2.15, *the law [is] written in their hearts ...*; Ge.6.12, the antediluvian world *corrupted His way upon the earth*; Jon.1.2, proof that the heathen understood the law of God, as He commanded Nineveh to repent.

The Rule of Government is universally comprehended: Ge.9.4-6; Ro.13:1, *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God*; Pv.8.15; Da.4.17;

The Rule of Marriage is universally comprehended: Ge.2.22-24; 12.14-20; 26.9-11, the Egyptians comprehended; 1Co.7.2, *Let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband ...*; He.13.4, *marriage is honorable in all ...*

The Rule of Family order is universally comprehended: Man & woman, not reversible roles, Ge.2.7, 22; Headship, 1Co 11:3, *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God*; Eph.6.1, *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*

The Rule of Social order is universally comprehended: Masters and servants, Col 4:1, *Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven*; Eph.6.5, *Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ ...*

But man in his sin-fallen estate rejects God's way and seeks to change it, which results in countless numbers of destructive judgments upon the earth from the LORD. (droughts, famines, earthquakes & volcanic activity, floods & storms, diseases, pestilence, & wars)

Ec 7:29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

inventions, חִשְׁבֹנוֹת, chish-sh^e-bo-noth, pl. noun w/fem. term.; 2Chr.26.15, engines; the verb חָשַׁב, cha-shav, is tss. to count, think, purpose, devise, imagine, to be cunning, etc.

Pr 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Today we live at the apex of man's rebellion against the LORD and His way for man. Not since the days of Noah has man so corrupted His way. This has reached a scale of global proportions. And only the watchful Christian has a sense of judgment looming over the earth.

Human society is ripe for the coming of the man of sin:

Da 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Tonight, this must be one of the darkest messages that I have ever brought before this congregation, but it is part of the truth of God's word, and so we must hear it, receive it, and trust that He will work His perfect will through it in each one of us.

If you know Christ as Savior you will be helped. If not, whether you know it or not, you are a part of this despicable system that opposes God's way in the world. You'll think that I'm over-exaggerating the situation. You'll think I'm sounding a false alarm, and that I am part of the problem in the world today. So be it. The will of God be done. My hope is not in this world. I have no hope in man improving. He is not evolving. He is devolving. He will become worse and worse as the time of Jesus Christ's second coming draws nearer. My hope is in Him, and in the end I am going to another world in which is only righteousness.

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

The topic tonight touches on the greatest social blight in human society, and that is sexual sins.

Marriage

Marriage was given to man by God.

*Ge.2.21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

Moses and our Lord Jesus understood this union, into which the LORD brought Adam and Eve, was a marriage.

Gen.2.24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

*Mt.19.4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

We need to consider marriage in the light of God's word, and perhaps be reset in our thinking. Only the word of God can give us a correct view of marriage.

It is the most beautiful relationship that there is between a man and a woman. Marriage is the bedrock of human society. It inaugurates the human family. By it every other relationship in society is ordered and strengthened. In fact, marriage is the glue of human society. To corrupt this ordinance marks the beginning-of-the-end of any society.

As it relates to sexual activity, marriage is the means by which men and women honorably use their bodies. To do so outside of the marriage relationship is to sin against the body and to dishonor it.

1Co.6.18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Ro 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves ...

It is necessary to be clear about sexual activity. There are only two way to avoid sexual sins: either remain unmarried and pure or enter into the marriage bond and be faithful.

1Co 7:2 Nevertheless, [to avoid] fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

Until marriage every soul was to be celibate. Both men and women were to be virgins until marriage.

men: *Re 14:4 These (144,000 males) are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. (also, 1Co.7.26)*

defiled, ἐμολύνθησαν, 3ppl. aor. ind. pass. of μολύνω; 1Co.8.7 refers to the conscience; Re.3.4, to garments; Re.14.4 to the body; the noun, μολυσμός, tss. filthiness, 2Co.7.1, ... let us cleanse (καθαρίζω, to clean, cleanse, purge, purify) ourselves from the filthiness of the flesh and spirit ...

women: *Ge 24:16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. (Mt.1.23-25)*

Marriage is for one man and one woman for life.

Mt.19.3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 *And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,*

5 *And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?*

6 *Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

7 *They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?*

8 *He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*

9 *And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*

In the Bible the marriage bond or commitment was taken very seriously. Whether it preceded the conjugal act or not it required a writ of divorcement to become disannulled. Even before the two had come together they were considered *husband* and *wife*. The text of Mt.19.9 (above) shows that the marriage bond *preceded* the conjugal act, but if when they came together he had found her unfaithful he could divorce her. In the instance of Joseph and Mary she began showing signs of *being with child* which he interpreted, and reasonably so, that she had been unfaithful.

The marriage bond was enacted prior to coming to the marriage bed:

Mt.1.18 ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 *Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.*

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24 *Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:*

25 *And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.*

Ge.29.18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

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20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

Or, it could be enacted by the bed:

Deu.22.14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid ...

Ge 24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

In any case there was no sexual activity until the time that they should come to their bed.

God's intent for marriage is for life. It is a monogamous relationship: one marriage for life between one man and one woman. Servants of the church (pastors, deacons, and the widow that is a widow in the truest sense of the word) are all held to the strictest standard of marriage before their livelihood becomes the charge of the church. (respectively, 1Ti.3.2, 12; Tit.1.6; 1Ti.5.9)

For a number of reasons most marriages will not last a lifetime: death of a spouse or sin. The Bible allows remarriage, without sin, in instances of death.

Ro.7.2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

While there can be remarriage, it cannot be without committing sin as long as the spouse is living.

Mt 5:32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

How should a church treat those who have been remarried? That I know of, this *kind* of adultery never warranted correction by stoning, or any other disciplinary act under the terms of the O.T. It was the illicit, promiscuous acts that were punished. Beyond question churches must judge those who live in this sinful manner. However, Moses allowed divorce and remarriage among the children of Israel because of the hardness of their hearts ... How can we of the churches of Jesus Christ do any differently today? Let these of God's people that remarry deal with their sin privately, as we do with so many others of our own sins. The churches should not consider remarriage a matter that must receive public condemnation. Adultery in this instance is not a lifestyle, but it breeches the covenant made with the other, and that is sin.

Mt.19.9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

Given the things we have already considered, beyond question before God, same sex marriages are sin even though it might become the law of the one-world society.

On June 26, 2015, same sex marriages were legalized in all 50 states of the U.S.A. It is fast becoming legalized the world over. And the attitude that comes with this against all that would oppose it is remarkable. To quote one man that is running a 2020 campaign for the President of the U.S.A. He said this about those that oppose same-sex marriages. The context of this statement concerned the current tax-exempt status of churches, but his answer clearly exceeded the scope of the question asked of him.

"There can be no reward, no benefit, no tax break for anyone, or any institution, any organization in America that denies the full human rights and the full civil rights of every single one of us. ... And so as president we are going to make that a priority, and we are going to stop those who are infringing upon the rights of our fellow Americans." *Beto O'Rourke*

His statement falls just short of making the denial of same-sex marriages a capital offense. To this man those that deny same sex marriages for any reason should lose everything, everything but their lives. That this man could express this sentiment publically and receive applause for making it demonstrates how corrupt the society of this nation has become. I need to move now into the topic of fornication.

Fornication

Fornication is translated from the Greek nouns πορνεία and πόρνος. πορνεία is always tss. with the English word *fornication* (26). πόρνος is also tss. *whoremonger*.

monger is a peddler or dealer. (cf. Eph.5.5; 1Ti.1.10; He.13.4; Re.21.8; 22.15)

The verb πορνεύω, is tss. into the English *to commit fornication*.

Fornication can refer to any shameful or dishonorable use of the body to commit a sexual act.

1Co.6.13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

...

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

In fornication the body is the object against which the sin is committed. The body becomes defiled; it is dishonored.

Fornication refers to sexual acts between unmarried people.

1Co 7:2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

In 1Co.5.1, it refers to one committing a sexual act with his father's wife.

1Co.5.1 ¶ It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

It can refer to acts other than the sins of adultery and homosexuality.

Exclusive of adultery:

Mt 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Exclusive of adultery & homosexuality:

*1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor adulterers (μοιχός), nor effeminate (μαλακός, the feminine), nor abusers of themselves with mankind (ἀρσενοκοίτης, ἄρσην, men, male + κοίτη, bed; the masculine) ...*

But fornication may refer specifically to the sin of homosexuality.

Ro.1.29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication (vss. 26, 26 refer to homosexual acts by men and women), wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers ...

And finally, fornication can refer to *all* sexual immorality.

Ac 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

*1Co.5.9 ¶ I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:
10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.*

Homosexuality

The word *homosexuality* refers to those that commit sex acts with others of the same gender: female with female, and male with male. This is precisely how the apostle Paul defines it.

Ro.1.26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient (fit, meet)...

*not convenient, unnatural, μὴ καθήκοντα, acc. pl. neut. part. pres. of καθήκω, κατά as, down + ἵκω, to come, to present; Wigram, καθήκον, to be fit, meet; **only other place in the N.T. is Ac.22.22, it is not fit that he should live**; so together μὴ καθήκοντα, to do those things where are **improper**.*

The LORD calls this a *very grievous* sin.

Ge 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great (הַצֶּהֱרָה, multiplied, increased), and because their sin is very grievous (דָּמָהּ הַבְּרָחָה, exceeding heavy) ...

Ge 13:13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly (דָּאָר).

That sin was the sin of homosexuality.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

strange [flesh], ἑτέρας, gen. sing. fem. of ἕτερος; tss. other, another flesh, meaning that which was not familiar, suitable, convenient, fit, meet.

Ge.19.4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

As bad a rape is, Lot saw that the sin of homosexuality surpassed that as a moral ill.

Historically, this sin has served as a demarcation for the sudden destruction of some societies of men by the LORD. The society of Noah's day, that of Sodom & Gomorrah, Zeboim, Admah were judged when they sank to the depraved act of homosexuality.

The seven nations that were in the promised land were expelled from that land because of their wickedness.

Deu.9.1 ¶ Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

Particularly noted as a wicked practice among these ethnicities (nations), and an abominable practice before the Lord is the sin of homosexuality.

1Ki 14:24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they (Israel) did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

There is good reason to add to this the societies of Babylon, Greece, and Rome. The judgment which God brought upon these men served to discourage men from following so hard after sin and collectively into one, corrupt global society.

Ec 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

In Noah's day, when that one-world society finally reached a predetermined watermark, God suddenly destroyed them all, but that not without warning.

Ge 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly ...

1Pe 3:19 By which (Spirit) also he (Jesus Christ) went and preached unto the spirits [understood, 'that are now '] in prison;

20 Which sometime (then, in that day) were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

And like that, so will it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man. There is coming a sudden destruction from the Lord, *but not without good warning*. (cf. Lk.17.37; 2Th.1.7-10) Why? That destruction will come because mankind, the global society of men, shall have corrupted so thoroughly the way of the LORD in the earth. How can anyone that is a Christian and loves the Lord & the truths of His word deny that this is not exactly what we see taking place today?

I believe that in the day of the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ no infidel shall come into the wonderful time of the millennial reign of Christ. They shall all be removed from the earth at that time. (2Th.1.7-10) The nations of the saved shall come into that time in their natural bodies, and the faithful of the churches of Jesus Christ shall be raised from the dead (1Th.4.14-17) or changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye to receive glorified bodies as the Lord Jesus' body. (1Co.15.51-54; 2Co.5.1-4) It is not a foregone conclusion that every one of the elect of God are raised in the first resurrection. (Lk.20.35; Phl.3.11-14; Re.20.4-6) Those that are not raised then are raised at that last day, the day of the last resurrection. (Jn.11.24; Re.20.4, 11-15)

We must live in the days of the coming of the Son of man. It seems like every day man is pushing God further from their daily lives: out of the schools, out of the courts, out of the language, out of politics, out of every public place. And it seems like every day there are more overt displays of moral corruption. In turn it is clear that God has *given them over* to reprobate minds so that they are without any moral compass. There is no objective standard of right and wrong. Right and wrong are subjective standard ... whatever it right in my eyes must be right. And what do we see as a result? We see men and women flaunt their sin before

others and then blame God for it. They say, 'God made me like this.' For example, notice the inability to discern right from wrong, the subjectivity of it and how he lays his sin at God's feet. A homosexual man running a year 2020 presidential campaign said this:

"That's the thing that I wish the Mike Pences of the world would understand. That if you have a problem with who I am [meaning, as a homosexual], your problem is not with me. Your quarrel, sir, is with my creator." *Pete Buttigieg*

Another man said regarding the issue of removing tax-exemption from churches that deny same sex marriages:

"I really don't think it's a question for these churches or these institutions about ... should they be worried about the IRS? I think they should be having a bigger conversation with their maker.

"I grew up in church my entire life and one thing that God taught -- what I was taught from day one -- is that Jesus is love and his love is limitless, and so, if you are going to limit Jesus, I think you're doing more harm to your faith than good by excluding a certain group of people." Richard Fowler, a Democrat Strategist, said to the host of Fox & Friends: Weekend (Oct. 12, 2019), Jedediah Bila.

So, let's consider this last man's objection to those whose faith rejects the sin of homosexuality. He was taught from day one that Jesus is love, and that somehow we do harm to our faith when we reject homosexuality as a lifestyle choice. Did this man accurately represent the truth of Christ's doctrine? No, he did not. Jesus, when it came to sin, commanded repentance.

Mt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

When Jesus commanded that men repent He commanded that they acknowledge their sins of drunkenness, adulteries, homosexuality, fornication, murder, covetousness, blasphemy, idolatry, tax evasion, and so forth, that they had sinned against God, and that they turn to faith in Him as God's only acceptable sacrifice

for sin. Folks that repent walk away from their former manner of life and follow after Jesus Christ, loving the truths of His word and loving those that are of like minds. Jesus warned those who would not repent by saying:

Lu 13:5 ... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

One day a bunch of hypocrites brought an adulterous woman to the Lord Jesus to tempt Him. After He dealt with them, he turned to her and said:

Joh 8:10 ... Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go (πορεύου, 2ps. pres. imper. of πορεύομαι, to proceed), and sin (ἁμάρτανε, 2ps. pres. imper.) no more.

In effect Jesus commanded her to go in the justification that He had justified her with ... and do not return to a life of sin.

Now she hadn't been condemned because of the color of her skin or because of her ethnicity. She wasn't condemned for being rich or poor, or for being a slave or a freewoman. She had been condemned because of her sin. And every sinner, the homosexual, adulterer, fornicator, liar, murderer, thief, idolater, and covetous person is condemned already because he has not believed in the only begotten Son of God. (Jn.3.18) The standing imperative of God is Repent! Believe that Jesus is the Christ come to die in the sinner's place for sin before God.

I know that this is not a popular message today, but it is the goodness of God which gave to mankind *holy matrimony* as a way to avoid every sexual sin. By marriage man has enjoyed one of the most meaningful relationships that can be had between a man and a woman on earth.

Heb 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Outside of this, which is God's way, there is nothing but sin and misery. Just naturally speaking, living outside of the will of God is a miserable existence, but Christians especially ought to honor the Lord in every part of their lives.

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.