

## I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon: What Controls You?

### 2 Corinthians 5:14–15

<sup>14</sup> For *the love of Christ controls us*, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might *no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

B. Review

1. Breaking God's Boundaries

### 2 Peter 2:9–10a

...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge in *the lust of defiling passion* and *despise authority.* ...

### Leviticus 18:24–25

<sup>24</sup> “Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by *all these the nations* I am driving out before you have become unclean, <sup>25</sup> and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

2. Transformed by our True Husband

### Ephesians 5:25–27

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, *as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her*, <sup>26</sup> *that he* might *sanctify her*, having *cleansed her* by the *washing of water with the word*, <sup>27</sup> *so that he* might *present the church to himself in splendor*, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, *that she might be holy and without blemish.*

## Key Idea

*Our lives, our bodies, our marriages were created by God to declare the marriage between Christ & the Church. We do not belong to ourselves. We belong to our Husband and He has given himself for us!*

## II. Worship is the Love of Authority

### A. Saved From...

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> **And such were some of you. 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.**

### B. Saved for Jesus

#### 1 Corinthians 6:12–17

<sup>12</sup> “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. (Cf. Cpt. 5) ***The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.*** <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that **your bodies are members of Christ?** Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “***The two will become one flesh.***” <sup>17</sup> But he who is

joined to the Lord *becomes one spirit with him*.<sup>18</sup>  
**Flee from sexual immorality.** Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but *the sexually immoral person* sins against his own body.

C. Saved to be Place for People to Approach God's Throne!

### **1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that *your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit* within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own,**<sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify **God in your body.**

## **III. Implications**

A. Flee the False Worship of Sexual Immorality

### **Romans 13:13–14**

<sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and *make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

B. Saved to Worship Our Eternal Husband

1. Joyful Submission (e.g. Worship Service)

- a. We were washed!
- b. We are loved!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, **died to call them all His own;**  
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!

2. Joyful Service (Our bodies are a place people can meet God)

- a. Talk to people about Jesus
- b. Gospel shaped lives (Tim Keller)
  - 1) One Unbelieving Woman
  - 2) Racial unity

## Galatians 2:14

<sup>14</sup> But when I saw that *their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel...*

3) Giving Generously

## 2 Corinthians 8:8–9

<sup>8</sup> I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. <sup>9</sup>

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

4) From Grace to godliness

## Titus 2:11–15

<sup>11</sup> *For the grace of God has appeared*, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> *training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,*

<sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> *who gave himself for us* to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are *zealous for good works.* <sup>15</sup>

Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

### Key Idea

*Don't miss the joy of being transformed by God's good and gracious authority. Come experience the pleasure of wholehearted submission and service to our great king!*