

Sexual Holiness

2 Pet 1:3 – *God's divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness!*

- Reconciliation – through Jesus and the Cross
- Regeneration – the giving of a new heart and with it a new ability and desire to obey & honor God
- Resources – Spirit, Word, Church, Jesus Himself interceding
- Resurrection – ultimately the gift of full and final holiness for us when we are forever with the Lord

1) The Command – v. 3-5

a) Definition: Sexual Immorality (Porneia)

Sexual activity is reserved for enjoyment only with one's spouse within a biblical marriage

b) *Abstain* –

c) *Control your own vessel in sanctification and honor*

“exercise mastery over your own physical body in this sexual arena, or more particularly your sexual vessel itself, with all the passions that go along with it.”

2) Rationale – v. 6-8

a) Not Transgress / Defraud your brother – v. 6

b) The Lord is the Avenger – v. 6

Hebrews 10:26-27 – *If we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.*

This is not a warning against a momentary sin, but a continuous, willful sinning. A knowing of the truth, but willfully continuing anyway.

v. 28... *If someone who set aside the Law of Moses [in this way] dies without mercy on the testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses.*

v. 29

How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has...

1. *Trampled under foot the Son of God?*
2. *Regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which you were sanctified?*
3. *Insulted the Spirit of Grace?*

God says – v. 30 – *Vengeance is Mine, I will repay. And, The Lord will judge His people.* (in other words – He will judge the wicked one and purge him from among His people in the end).

Fear of such *falling into the hands of the living God* is a proper and appropriate motivator

c) Fulfilling Your Calling – v. 7

1:4 – *knowing brothers, beloved by God, His choice of YOU...!!*

d) Not Rejecting God the Gracious Giver – v. 8

Jesus said in John 14:16-17 – *I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*