



You Are More Than Your Sexuality

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

- I. Pray and read passage together (1 Corinthians 6:9-20)
- II. Discuss how you have observed our culture's two extreme views of sexuality. How has it effected your generation and our youth?
 1. **Undervaluing sex**, seeing sex as a basic human appetite that needs to be satisfied, divorcing it of the wholistic life-long bond God intends for sex.
 2. **Overvaluing sex**: seeing sex as the defining element in identity; we must have freedom to express our sexuality, thus scraping God's scriptural mandate for how sex should be expressed.
- III. In 1 Cor. 6:9-11 Paul begins his argument by reminding them of three things: 1. What god's word teaches about sex; 2. What's at stake; 3. He brings them back to their true identity in Christ through the gospel. How do these verses challenge us to live holy lives? What do our actions reveal about the condition of our heart/faith?
- IV. In 1 Cor. 6:11, Paul reminds them of their identity in Christ before he gives them exhortations. This is because of the unique Christian ethic. How does understanding our identity shape our behaviour? What difference does it make that we are accepted by grace?
 1. **Christianity**: Indicative precedes Imperative ("Your accepted. . . now do this.")
 2. **Religion**: Imperative precedes Indicative ("Do this and then you will be accepted.")
- V. In 1 Cor. 6:12-14 Paul addresses the Corinthian Christian's attitudes towards sex. How is his response relevant for our own day and age (see point II above).
- VI. Why does God care about what we do with our bodies?
- VII. In 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, Paul digs deeper into what sex really is all about. How does the Biblical concept of "one-flesh" challenge our culture's view of sex? Can you summarise in your own words what "one-flesh" means? (Hint: think holistically: body, mind, soul, emotions, bank account, etc)
- VIII. How does our union with Jesus affect our behaviour? What difference does it make for you that He is with us wherever we go?
- IX. How would you respond to those who undervalue sex? And to those who overvalue sex? How is the Christian idea loftier?
- X. Discuss the testimonies from Vaughn Roberts and Sam Allbury, who both struggle with same-sex attraction. How do they illustrate for us all how we ought to engage with our own broken sinful nature?