

Breaking the Chains of Slavery to Sin

The Biblically Unique Church: The Church Being Light and Salt in Morals Chris Mueller 6-12-22

Introduction:

John 8:34 Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. **35** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. **36** So if the Son **makes you free**, you will be free indeed.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and **destroy**; I came that they may have **life**, and have it abundantly

1 Peter 1:15 like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in **all** your behavior; **16** because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

#1 Christians are not confused about _____

*Turn to **Genesis 1:26-27**

Matthew 19:4 He who created them from the beginning made them male and female

#2 Christians view _____ as murder

Psalms 127:3 children are a gift of the LORD

Genesis 20:18 God opens and closes the womb

Job 12:10 in God's hand is the life of every living thing

*Turn to **Psalms 139:13-16**

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.

Every surgical abortion stops a beating heart and stops already measurable brain waves.

#3 Christians reject _____

Leviticus 18:22 detestable

*Turn to **Romans 1:26-27 & 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

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#4 Christians hate _____

You break the **vow** through **abandonment** described in **1 Corinthians 7:15** or you break the consummated **union** through **adultery** found in **Matthew 5:32**

Malachi 2:14 ...the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. **15** ...let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. **16** *"For I hate divorce,"* says the Lord, the God of Israel

#5 Christians flee _____ – adultery and fornication

1 Corinthians 6:18 *Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.*

Seek Christ first **1 John 3:3** *everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

Supervise your heart **Mark 7:21** *it is within, out of the heart, where fornication comes*

Stay sensible in life

- Prepare for situations
- Plan your environment
- Ponder your appearance
- Pounce on thoughts
- Pursue righteousness
- Maintain your marriage

Take Home:

A. Never forget what you _____ before Christ saved you!

Titus 3:3 *For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.*

Titus in 3:4 *But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, **5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*

B. Avoid political rhetoric, and make God's character and Word the _____

C. Without _____, you will not see Christ

Hebrews 12:14 *Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. How do moral issues effect the church today?
2. Why must the church be different than our society? In what ways are we different, unique, and attractive?
3. What other moral issues does the church face that were not talked about in this teaching from God's Word?
4. Which one of the moral issues discussed causes you to react emotionally the most and why?
5. How can believers in the church get off track when standing firm for God's Word on moral issues?
6. What steps do you need to take in order to grow more like Christ concerning these moral issues?
7. Is there any area of your life where you are enslaved to a sin, preference, choice, or relationship over Christ? What is it?

