

God's Design for Sexuality

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Does God have a right to tell a person what to do with their sexuality? Does anyone have authority over another person, outside of themselves? For Christians, the answer is absolutely. Jesus is the King. And He gets to tell us what to do with every part of our lives, including our sexuality.

God's design for sex is that it is a good gift to be enjoyed in marriage between one man and one woman. This is the only marriage that God views as valid. Within this context, God views sex as a good thing, a beautiful gift. But outside of these boundaries, the blessing becomes a burden that only hurts those who abuse it.

Thank God for the grace of the cross!

The cross of Jesus Christ is a place of inclusivity and equality where every single human being, regardless of their past sin, is invited to find Freedom, forgiveness, and life in Christ. Christians need to recognize that we *all* find grace at the cross. And in a world horribly confused by sexual sin, Christians have an opportunity to help people find healing in God's grace. We cannot cling to sexual immorality and enjoy Freedom in Christ. But when we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus, we discover that the Freedom and fullness we longed for is found in him alone.

Reflection Questions

- 1. What are some ways that sexual sins are destructive to our relationship with God and with others?
- 2. What is the problem with thinking that in order to love people we have to accept them as they are without judgement?