

“Flee Fornication”

1 Cor. 6:13-20

Introduction:

- A. A nation pre-occupied with sex.
 - 1. Swung from Victorianism to Humanism.
 - 2. Few restrictions placed on sexual display and conduct.
 - 3. Every means of communication used to promote it.
 - 4. The church is affected by it
 - a. A Preacher, an elder and a deacon.
 - b. An otherwise faithful young couple.
 - c. Young and old “living together.”
- B. We need the words our text more than ever! (vv. 13, 15, 18-20).
- C. We want to look at three aspects of this subject:

Discussion:

II. The Christian and Sexual Relations.

- A. Two moral choices: Self Control or Marriage (1 Cor. 7:2,9).
- B. The alternative: Fornication with God’s judgment. (1 Cor 7:2, Heb. 13:5).

III. The Christian and Sexual Immorality.

- A. Flee “straight” sexual immorality.
 - 1. Outside of marriage. (cf. 1 Cor. 7:2)
 - 2. In an unlawful "marriage" (cf. Matt. 19:9; 5:32).
- B. Flee “perverted” sexual immorality. (1 Cor. 6:9,10 NKJ).
 - 1. Even if society does consider it "normal" - as "normal" in Sodom.
 - 2. Even if nation does grant one the "right" to be such.

IV. The Christian and Sexual Provocation.

- A. Healthy faithful Christians are as subject to provocation as the rest of society.
 - 1. Know they must exercise self-control.
 - 2. Know they must not look to lust (Matt. 5:32)
 - 3. Know they must “make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil its lust.” (Rom. 13:14)
 - 4. Know that such sexual provocation is called “lasciviousness” in the Bible.
- B. Christians often deny what the world knows and accepts to be sexually provocative.
 - 1. Provocative clothing. (1 Tim. 2:9; cf. Rev. 3:17; Prov. 7:6ff).
 - 2. Provocative language, gestures, movies, TV, and literature.
 - 3. Dancing - Close contact and/or suggestive bodily gyrations.

Conclusion:

- A. Christians must “Flee Fornication.”
 - 1. Not engage in it.
 - 2. Not encourage it.
 - 3. Not see how close to get, without crossing the line.
 - 4. Will control passions or release them in marriage.
- B. Parents and brethren need to get heads out of sand deal with this serious matter.