

Sunday Morning

March 1, 2015

The Shade of the Cross: God, Sex and You

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-5, 7

INSIGHT: It is a sexualized culture that subjugates women and encourages men to satisfy their lust with women without life commitment.

I. SEX THEOLOGY, *Genesis 1:26-27*

Three statements:

1. Made
2. In the image of God
3. Male and female

INSIGHT: Sexuality in humanity is by God's design.

INSIGHT: Sex is part of our lives, our relationships and who we are.

II. SEX THESIS, *Genesis 2:18-25 (NIV)*

INSIGHT: Sex was created by God and is designed for our bodies and lives.

INSIGHT: God made Adam to want, need and desire Eve... It was in his DNA.

INSIGHT: Sex is from God and is not dirty or cheap, or sordid or immoral... Sex is a gift (*Proverbs 5:18-19 LB*).

III. SEX WARNING SIGNALS

1. Sex is for a man and woman in a committed marriage relationship (*Hebrews 13:4 MSG*).

INSIGHT: God says that sex is only and always for a man and woman living as husband and wife.

2. Sex creates a permanent bond (*1 Corinthians 6 MSG*).
3. Sex outside marriage makes a permanent wound.
4. Sexual sin is in a class all to itself (*1 Corinthians 6:18*).

INSIGHT: In sexual sin the scar is permanent, the regret remains, but healing is possible.

THE CHALLENGE:

1. Commit yourself to live according to God's standards for your sexuality.
2. Commit yourself to wait till marriage for sex.
3. Commit yourself to be unselfish in marriage.
4. Commit yourself to talk to your children about God's values for sexuality.
5. If you are single and living with a partner, commit to separate till you marry and live sexually pure.