

Good Sex, Bad Sex Part 1 – Twisted Truth Ephesians 5:3-5

Ephesians 5:1-5

The cross is connected to our sexuality

1. The cross shows us that God values our bodies

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

2. The cross is where we find freedom, forgiveness and grace.

- Genesis 2:25
- A study of over 3000 data points: 60-70% of men, 50-58% of pastors, 20-30% of women in evangelical churches are sexually addicted
- 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys is a victim of child sexual abuse – Dr. David Finkelhor
- 45-55% of married women and 50-60% of married men engage in extramarital sex at some time or another during their relationship - (Atwood & Schwartz, 2002 - Journal of Couple & Relationship Therapy)

3. The cross is where we learn what true love is

- 1 John 3:16 Ephesians 5:2 1 Corinthians 7:3-5

The Negative view of sex and marriage throughout much of Church History

- Origen (AD 185-254)
- Tertullian (AD 155-220)
- Chrysostom (AD 347-407)
- Augustine (AD 354-430)

Our sex crazed world - Sex as God

- Globally, porn is a \$97 billion industry
- 1 out of 3 downloads and 1 out of 4 searches on the internet is pornography
- Human trafficking generates about \$150 billion a year— two-thirds from commercial sexual exploitation
- Matthew 6:21

The Bible says sex within marriage is good and is to be celebrated

- Genesis 2:25 Genesis 1:27-28 Genesis 1:31

Song of Songs – God’s worldview of Sex

“The Song is, first of all, a celebration of Sex” - Dr Temper Longman III

1. Nothing in the text indicates that it is to be taken as an allegory

- “Modern scholarship has moved massively and almost unanimously away from allegory” – Horace Hummel

2. The people, places and experiences in this book are real.

3. There is no real progression of a story

4. Allegorical interpretations of this book have no grounding.

5. There are other parts of the Bible which highlight the general theme of the Song of Songs: Proverbs 5:18-19

6. Song of Songs is not quoted in the New Testament

The pleasure of all 5 senses are involved

Hearing: Sensual talking - Song of Songs 4:1 Song of Songs 4:5

Touch: She says: Song of Song 2:6 He says: Song of Song 7:7-8 3.

Smell: She says - Song of Songs 1:3 He says - Song of Song 4:11 4.

Taste: Solomon 4:16 Solomon 2:3 5.

Sight: Song of Songs 7:1-4

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The more we pursue sexual pleasure on our terms the less we will have. When we experience sexual pleasure on Gods terms we actually experience more of it.

