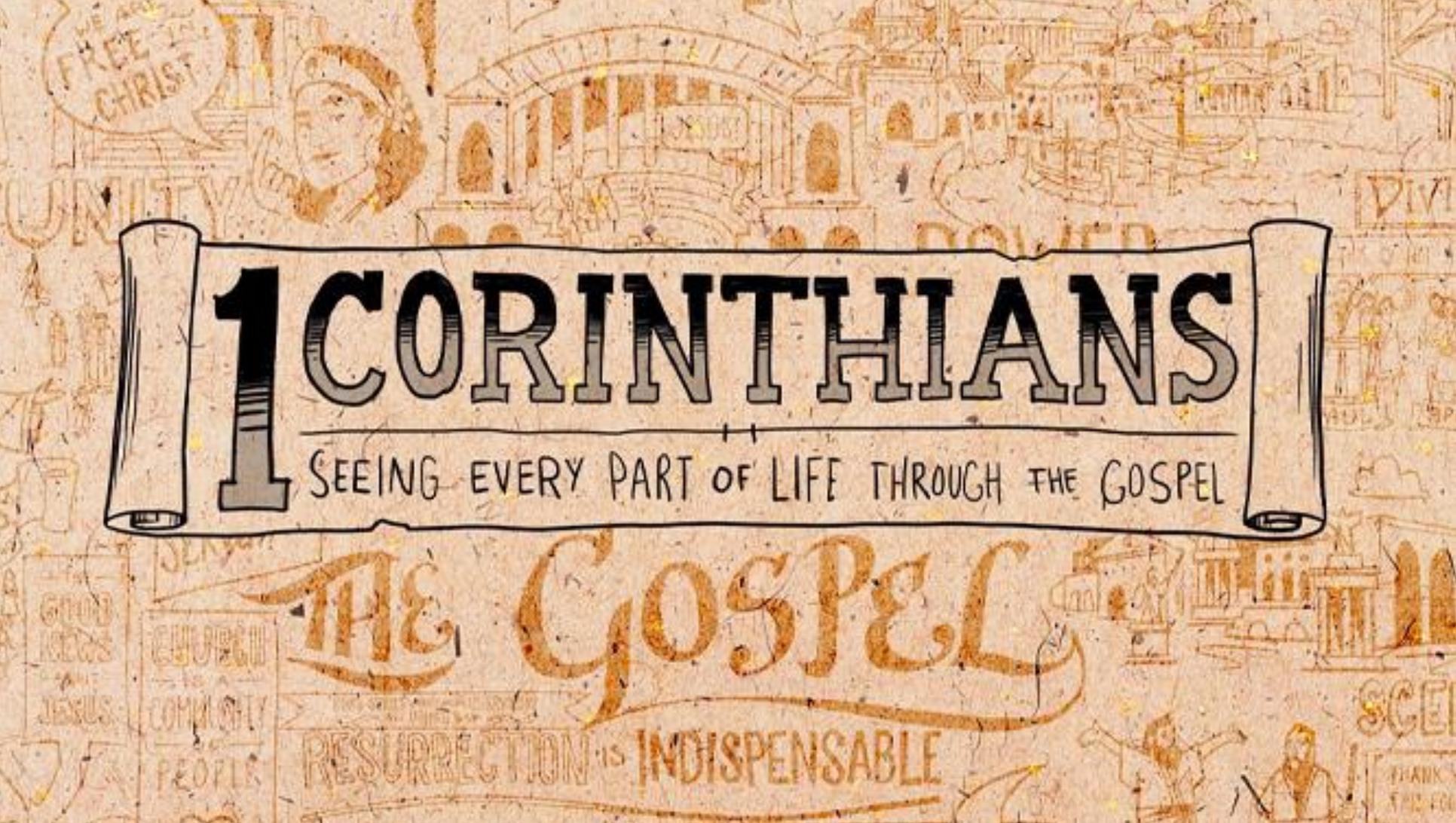


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MESSAGE, WE RECOMMEND YOUR KIDDOS
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TODAY



1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

THE GOSPEL

RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE



God's Good Gifts

(1 Cor. 7:1-17)



“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”
(Romans 12:2-3; NIV)



Truth # 1 - Those who willfully continue in sin will not share in God's good and beautiful future.



Truth # 2 - In Christ,
unrighteousness can be a thing of
your past. Jesus has washed you
clean, set you apart for His purposes,
and restored your relationship with
God. Live like it!



Truth # 3 - Your body is meant to glorify God. That is the purpose for which you were made.



Truth # 4 - Your body has a future.
You will be raised, body and soul, so
what you do with your body matters
for both the present and the future.



Truth # 5 - Sexual intercourse creates a mysterious, yet real and enduring connection between sexual partners.

Any sexual activity outside the bounds of God's intended design creates a tearing between you and God.



1 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV)

1 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”





The Temple of Aphrodite in Corinth



1 Corinthians 7:2, 5 (ESV)

2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband... 5 Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.



Married folk, cultivating your sexual intimacy together is precisely one of the ways God intends for you to glorify God in your body.



The Bible presents sex as beautiful,
powerful, and as something to be
protected.



“Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.” **(Proverbs 5:18-19)**



“With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He
brought me to the banqueting house, and
his banner over me was love. Sustain me
with raisins; refresh me with apples, for I
am sick with love. His left hand is under
my head, and his right hand embraces
me! ... My beloved is mine, and I am his.”
(Song 2:3-6, 16)



“Sex is for whole-life self-giving... Sex is God’s appointed way for two people to reciprocally say to one another, ‘I belong completely, permanently, and exclusively to you.’”
(Keller)



“Sex is the only act that can unite a man and a woman comprehensively and completely as whole persons, for it unites minds, bodies, and hearts.”

(Burns)



“I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the does of the field, that
you not stir up or awaken love until it
pleases... For love is strong as death,
jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes
are flashes of fire, the very flame of the
Lord. Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.”

(Song 2:7; 8:6-7)



“Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.
Should your springs be scattered
abroad, streams of water in the
streets? Let them be for yourself alone,
and not for strangers with you...”

(Proverbs 5:15-17)



“Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman, and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths. The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.” **(Proverbs 5:20-23)**



“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexual immoral and the adulterous.”
(Hebrews 13:4)



1 Corinthians 7:3-4 (ESV)

3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.



“[Sex] is now presented as something that each partner is expected to *give as a gift* to the other. The husband and wife are equal in this regard. Neither partner is to demand those rights, rather each is to *give gifts* to the other. Gifts given in love are always seen by the giver as valuable, otherwise they would not be given. Furthermore, by definition, a gift is always offered as a result of free choice. If it is coerced, it is not a gift.” (Bailey)



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“[Give] thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

(Ephesians 5:20-21)



“Paul articulates a view of marriage that stands as a challenge to views ancient and modern alike. The marriage partners are neither placed in hierarchical relation with one over the other nor are they set apart as autonomous units each doing what he or she pleases. Instead, the relationship is one of *mutual submission*, each partner having authority over the other.” (Hays)



“‘Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”
(Mark 10:7-9)



1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (ESV)

7 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. 8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. 9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.



“He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.” (Proverbs 18:22)



1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (ESV)

10 To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband 11 (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.



“I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.” (Matthew 19:9)



1 Corinthians 7:12-13 (ESV)

12 To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. 13 If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.



1 Corinthians 7:14-15 (ESV)

14 For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband.

Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. 15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.



1 Corinthians 7:16-17 (ESV)

16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? 17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

