

Sex

1. **“Houston, we have a problem” - The church in our society is starting to closely resemble the world in its approach to morality.**

2. **God's Design In the beginning: Gen 12:26-27, 2:24**

3. **We are binary by design - He made us male and female.**
 - a. What is sex *for*? Oneness in marriage (S.O.S., 1 Cor 7:1-2). God intended it for among other things, human enjoyment within marriage.
 - b. What is sex *for*? Godly offspring (Mal 2:13-16)
 - c. We are binary by biology.

4. **Society has twisted God's gift and made it into something else - merely a means of selfish enjoyment.**
 - a. Divorced from the marriage covenant it cheapens life:
 - “recreational sex, “hooking up,” child sexual abuse, sexual violence (rape etc.), pornography. Rather than a holy thing, it has become most unholy when misused.
 - Objectification of people.
 - b. Destruction of marriage
 - Pre marital (“Pornea” - illicit sex of any sort)
 - Extra marital (“moicheia” - adultery, that is, sexual activity on the part of a married person with someone other than their mate).

5. **Why does this matter?**
 - a. It is a matter of salvation (See 1 Cor 5:11, 6:9-11, Gal 5:19-21, Eph 5:5). This isn't to say that believers never fall in this way, but those whose lives are characterized by such sin are not saved. There is a difference between battling sin and wallowing in it.
 - b. God hates it (Gen 20:3, Deut 22, Prov 2:16-19, Prov 5, 7)
 - c. It is a rejection of God (1 Thess 4:1-8)

6. **A way forward:**
 - a. Heb 13:4 - Honor marriage and elevate chastity. Our society denigrates marriage and winks at immorality.
 - What priority does worship and fellowship have in our lives? (Heb 10:19-25)
 - What price tag do we place on ungodliness? (1 Cor 5:9-11).
 - b. Modesty is not a dirty word - it is a blessing.
 - Think about the sexualization of kids.
 - What message are we sending via the way we dress ourselves and our kids?
 - What statement is being made via immodest dress?