SCRIPTURE: Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

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#### INTRODUCTION

- **A. CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE** (Eph.4:11-16; 6:10-20)
- **B. CHRISTIAN ETHICS ARE ROOTED IN CREATION** (Mt.19:4,8; see Ex.20:1-17 & Gen.1,2; Rom.1:20f; Eph.4:24; Col.3:10; i.e., self-evident truths)
- C. REJECT TRUE CREATOR, CREATE FALSE DEITIES (idolatry; Gen.1:1f; Rom.1:18-23,25 /Ex.20:3-11)
- **D. REJECT TRUE CREATOR, CREATE FALSE HUMANITIES** (*immorality*; Gen.1:26f; Rom.1:18f,24,26f; see Ex.20:12-17; *e.g.*, *adultery*, *fornication*, *homosexuality*, *transgender*, *bestiality*, *etc.*)
- E. RETURN TRUE CREATOR, RESTORED TRUE HUMANITY (worship&life(sex); 2C5:17; Eph.4:24; Col.3:10)
- F. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN ITS FOURFOLD STATE (see Eph.2:1-10; 4:24)

#### **I. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN CREATION** (Gen.1,2; see Rom.1:25-27; *Creator—natural*; i.e., creational)

- A. MAN: MALE & FEMALE IN DOMINION (Gen.1:26f)
- B. MARRIAGE: MALE & FEMALE IN COVENANT (Gen.2:18f,22f; see Mk.10:6)
- C. PROVISION OF GOOD (Gen.1:31; 2:22f)

## II. <u>HUMAN SEXUALITY IN THE FALL</u> (Gen.3,etc!)

- A. CREATION WAS BROKEN (Gen.3:14f, Rom.8:20f)
- **B. SEXUALITY WAS BROKEN** 
  - 1. intimate disaffection between God and man (Gen.3:24; Rom.1:23-27; see Jdgs.3:7; 1Cor.6:9; 10:6f)
  - 2. sexual disaffection between male and female (Gen.3:16f; see Mk.10:6; 1Cor.7:3f; depriving)
  - 3. sexual affection without/against covenant (Gen.34:1f; Ex.20:14; Mt.15:19; fornication, adultery; polygamy)
  - 4. sexual affection between man and man, woman and woman, human and animal (Gen.19:1f(Jude7; 2Pt.2:6f); Lev.18:22f; 20:13,15f; Rom.1:26,27; 1Cor.6:9; 1Tm.1:10)
- **C. PROSCRIPTIVE OF EVIL** (Ex.20:14; Mal.2:14f; Lev.18:22; 20:13; Rom.1:23f; 1Cor.6:9; 1Tm.1:10)

## III. <u>HUMAN SEXUALITY IN REDEMPTION</u> (Ex.20:1f; Col.1:13,etc.)

- **A. CREATION BEING RESTORED** (Rom.6:4; 8:23; 2Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15; Rev.21:5; see Col.2:12; 3:9,10)
- **B. SEXUALITY BEING RESTORED** (1C.6:9-11; 7:1f /Eph.5:22f; Col.3:10,18f; 1Tm3:2; Tt1:6 /Jn4:17f; 8:11; Lk7:37f)
  - 1. miraculously (see Eph.2:1f,5f; 22f; Col.2:12; 3:9f; Secret Thoughts Unlikely Convert, Butterfield)
  - 2. progressively (Eph.4:12f; 25f; Col.3:5f; Phil.1:9; 1Th.4:1f,10f; 1Pt.2:2)
  - 3. militantly (Rom.7:14f,24; 8:1f,13f; Col.3:5f; Mk.9:43f)
  - 4. Spirit through means of grace (Acts 2:42; 1Pt.2:2; see Rom.8:13)
- **C. PROVISION FOR GOOD** (Eph.2:1f,10; 4:22f; 5:22f; see Mt.5:17; Phil.2:8; Heb.7:26; Jn.8:27)

### IV. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN GLORY

- A. RESURRECTION OF THE BODY (1Cor.15:35f)
- **B. OLD THINGS GONE** (Mt.22:28f; see 2Cor.5:17)
- C. NEW THINGS HERE (Eph.5:21f; Rev.19:9f; see Song of Songs; see Mt.22:1f; 25:1f; contra Rom.1:23f)

# V. CONCLUSIONS FOR FAITH AND LIFE

- **A. CREATION: MALE/FEMALE & HETEROSEXUAL** (Gen.1,2; gender identity & sexual orientation)
- B. FALL: MAY BE HOMOSEXUAL; GENDER DYSPHORIC (Eph2:1f; 1C6:9f /Ps51:5; brokenness)
- C. REDEMPTION: SEXUAL RESTORATION BEGUN (1Cor.6:9-11; see Eph.4:28,17f)
- D. GLORIFICATION: SEXUAL RESTORATION PERFECTED (Rom.8:23; Eph.4:16; 1Jn.3:2; Rv.21:4/1C.15:35f)
- E. SUMMARY: ANOTHER ASPECT OF SIN & SALVATION (Eph.2:1-10; 1Cor.6:9-11)

## VI. <u>LESSONS FOR LOVING GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF</u> (Mt.22:37f)

- A. LOVE GOD AND YOURSELF IN YOUR SEXUALITY (see 1Cor.10:31,6f)
  - 1. chaste singleness (1Cor.7:1; 6,7; 17f,25f)
  - 2. faithful marriage: human, heterosexual, monogamous, covenanted (Gen.1,2; Mk.10:6; Eph.5:22f)

## **B. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS IN YOUR SEXUALITY**

- 1. picture the Gospel in your sexual faithfulness (work; Eph.2:10; 2Th.2:17;
  - a. marriage: good sex (creation, redemption; glory: Eph.5:22f,32 /Prov.5:1f,15f; Song; 1Cor.7:1f; Rev.19:7f)
  - b. singleness: better than sex (fall: 1Cor.7:1f; see Rom.1:23f; e.g., Jeremiah, Jesus, John the Baptist, Paul)
- 2. speak the truth in love (word; Eph.4:15; 1Cor.6:9-11; see outline above)
  - a. humbly & courageously speak *creational* truth to *fallen* falsehood (Gen.1:26f; 1C6:9,10; Rom.1:23f)
  - $b.\ compassionately\ speak\ \textit{saving}\ truth\ to\ \textit{hopeless}\ falsehood\ (1Cor.6:11\ /Col.3:10,5f;\ Jn.4:17f;\ Lk7:37f)$
- 3. befriend the despised, heal the lepers; wisely (Mt.8:2f; 26:6; Lk.7:22,34; see Gal.6:1)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)