

#### 4. The warning vs 6-8

- Do not transgress or defraud your brother in this:

Lit: do not cross the fence, and do not exploit one for whom Christ died

- Sexual immorality is one of the marks of false teachers: 2 Pe 2:1-3

- Fear God who is the avenger of these things... just as we also told you before told you before and solemnly warned *you*.

#### Remember the warning of Mt 18:6-ff and being a stumbling block

- Remember your calling vs 7-8

These are ideas from men who belong to bygone eras, but the Word of the Lord and rejecting this, it's rejecting God and resisting the Holy Spirit.

**Practical:** many times stress, depression, anxiety, anger and frustration are the result of harbored sin **Ps 32**

#### CONCLUSION:

1. Preventing: a note to women... beware of your dress
2. Avoiding: a note to men... beware where and what you look
3. Confessing: a note to all... keep short accounts with God
4. Fearing: flee fornication!...
5. Freedom: a call to all... you do not have to remain hooked, "if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed"

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#### Sunday Schedule:

9:30 AM Study of the Word of God  
11:00 AM Preaching of the Word of God  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting  
(Prayer flocks meet Every Last Wed.)

## CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

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CORNERSTONE" - EPHESIANS 2:20

February 6, 2011

#### Announcements:

1. **Interested in church membership?** Ask *Victor or Astrid Hernandez* [astridenid@gmail.com](mailto:astridenid@gmail.com)
2. **Ladies Dinner & Fellowship** is this Tuesday, February 08 at 7 PM  
Bahama Breeze (305) 598-4040 12395 SW 88th St, Miami, FL
3. **Interested in Home Book studies?** Ladies: inquire with Lydia Mederos [rom1136@bellsouth.net](mailto:rom1136@bellsouth.net) or Veronica Mullins [katronee@bellsouth.net](mailto:katronee@bellsouth.net).  
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4. **Ladies Conference Videos and Audio Sermons posted on our website**  
<http://www.cornerstonebiblechurch.com/conferences/onlineRegistration.dot>
5. **Jeannie Joiner's dad Memorial service.** Saturday, February 12th at 2:00 pm at La Catedral del Pueblo. 190 NW 79th Avenue in Miami, near the Mall of the Americas. *Please see Deborah Hernandez to continue with the repast!*
6. **Reminders:**
  - Adult Sunday School on Systematic Theology 9:30-10:30 AM
  - Children & Youth Sunday School by ages: 9:30 – 10:30 AM
  - Wednesday prayer meeting: 7 PM
  - Youth meeting this Friday @ the Gonzalez' 7:30 PM
  - Word of Truth: 1080 AM Weekdays 6:45-7:00 AM / 4:45-5:00 PM
  - Church website: [www.cornerstonebiblechurch.com](http://www.cornerstonebiblechurch.com)

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Call to worship: I Timothy 1:12-17
- Hymn 35 Immortal Invisible God only wise
- Insert: Indescribable, You Are Amazing God
- Scripture Reading: John 19:1-16
- Intercessory Prayer:
- Offering and offering Hymn 547 My Jesus I love Thee
- Hymn book 48: Enjoy Your Name Forever
- Song: Man of Sorrows / "Savior You showed your love..."

## 1 Thessalonians Part 12

On Sexual Immorality 2

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Introduction: commercial airplane pilots are trained on simulators twice a year. If they fail the simulator test, they lose their pilot's license for a year.

**Link**: the battle against sexual immorality is won in the simulator of our minds...if you are enslaved to sexual immorality, I want you to know that there is hope in the Gospel for you.

**Text**: 1 Th 4:4-8:

### Outline: How do we battle Sexual Immorality?

REVIEW: **1. The motivation: vs 1 to be "pleasing to the Lord"**

The battle over sexual immorality is won or lost in our motivation. Pleasing God is the return of a grateful heart and the motivation of love,

**2. The mandate**: vs 2-3 "commandments given by the authority of the Lord

Sexual purity is commanded it is the will of God

Sexual immorality is - porneias - Lev 18:1-23, Gal 5:19, prostitution *indecent*, *sexual vice*, outrageous sexual behavior, uncleanness

### 3. The strategy to battle sexual immorality 4-5

Verse 4 is the subject of interpretation difficulties regarding its exact meaning. Bible translators differ in how to render the original; whether translating literally or using formal equivalency

ESV: that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness & honor

NAS, NKJ, KJV: "...that each of one you know how to possess his own vessel"

RSV: "that each of you know how to take a wife for himself in holiness & honor"

RV 1960 Spanish: "that each of you know how to possess his own wife .."

The challenge appears in this phrase: σκεῦος κτᾶσθαι verb (ktaomai) + noun (skeuos). **Ktaomai** = to possess or acquire, **skeuous** = vessel. Idiomatic uses of ktaomai could mean "to acquire a wife"; in 1 Pe 3:7 and in extra-biblical literature, skeuos is used to designate a "wife".

Older commentators like Augustine pushed for: to possess or acquire a wife, because of *rabbinical precedent* and *extra-biblical sources* (Xenophon)

Leon Morris writes: "It is not easy to decide the point but it would not be very natural for a Greek to speak of a wife as a vessel" ... MacArthur adds: "the present verse uses "skeuo" for body, which matches some rabbinical uses of the word. Paul was commanding the Thessalonians to control their bodies." The context seems to help the meaning of: "control or possess his body in holiness and honor"

Three statements about the strategy for pursuing sexual purity:

#### a) The **command**: keep your body holy (for God)

In the OT, idolatry was compared to whoredom, adultery and fornication. "*Playing the harlot*" after false gods brought God's judgment to Israel. **Sexual immorality is idolatry!**

Against Platonism: "matter does not contaminate the soul". The NT blasts this; **1 Co 6:19** & **Ro 6:1-6** clearly state that our bodies must be used as "instruments of righteousness"

#### b) The **method**: Treat your body with honor

The word used for "honor" implies worth, respect and reverence. To battle against sexual immorality we must have the right view about our bodies.

Illust.: the tabernacle and its utensils. They were not magical or special, but because they were consecrated for God's use they had to be handled with extreme care.

Our body is for God's use

\* Not abusing the body: over eating, over drinking, etc

\* Not yielding to its passions but making it our servant **1 Co 9:27-30**

Practical: keep your tool sharpened. **1 Co 6:13**

**We are not disembodied spirits. Whatever happens with our bodies will affect our relationship with God.**

c) The **contrast**: not in lustful passion *as the Gentiles who do not know God* *Lustful passion* is almost a duplication of expression. Pathos + epithymia (a strong and lustful desire), typically applied to sexual desires

Being consumed with and yielding to a constant burning passion for illicit sex (porneias) is a sign of not knowing God.

A redemptive note: Sometimes we preachers sound sanctimonious and we discourage the righteous. It gets better, if you do what is right! **Gal 5:16**

- Join the right company! Pr 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.
- Exercise yourself in godliness, pursue the character traits that will attract and gain the respect of a good wife!
- **Starve the lion**, and it will get smaller and weaker

## INDESCRIBABLE

Laura Story

### Verse 1

From the highest of heights  
to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall  
to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique  
in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

### Chorus 1:

Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

### Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt  
where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses  
laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun  
and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us  
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## WHAT A SAVIOR

Philip Bliss  
Devon Kauflin

### Verse 1

Man of Sorrows what a name  
For the Son of God Who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim hallelujah  
Bearing shame and scoffing rude  
In my place condemned He stood  
Sealed my pardon with His Blood  
Hallelujah hallelujah

### Chorus

Savior You showed Your Love  
Defeated our sin  
poured out Your Blood  
So we praise You Lamb  
that was slain  
We offer our lives to proclaim  
What a Savior

### Verse 2

Guilty vile and helpless we  
Spotless Lamb of God was He  
Full atonement can it be hallelujah  
Lifted up was He to die  
It is finished was His Cry  
Now in Heav'n exalted high  
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When He comes our Glorious King  
All His ransomed home to bring  
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