

Christ – centered Change = Purity

“Put to death...”

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▪ Col. 3:5

Mortify (*put to death*) therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

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Colossians 3:5-7



Christ – centered Focus

▪ Colossians 3:1-3

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above,....

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For you are dead....

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▪ Col. 3:5 (KJV)

Mortify (*put to death*) therefore your members which are upon the earth; ....

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▪ Col. 3:5 (KJV)

Mortify (*put to death*) therefore your members (*parts of you*) which are upon the earth; ....

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- Col. 3:5 (ESV)

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: ...

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- Col. 3:5
- Fornication  
Uncleanness  
Inordinate affection  
Evil concupiscence, and  
Covetousness

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- Colossians 3:5-7

Guard your heart against impurity

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- Col. 3:5

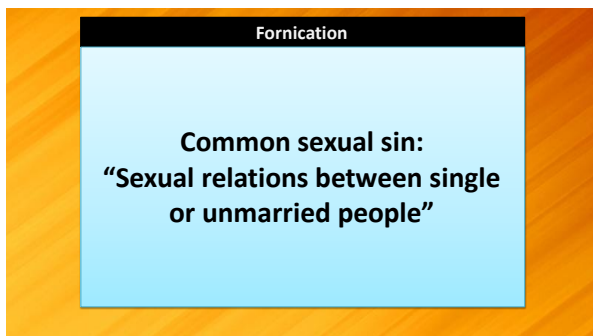
‘Fornication’ (KJV)  
From Gk root *porneia*  
= *all kinds of sexual sin*

Family Design:  
Adam & Eve,  
not Adam & Steve

Gen. 2:18-25

An increasing number of ...

- Divorce
- Youth sexual activities



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- Col. 3:5
- Fornication
- Uncleanness = *impurity in God's eyes.*
- Inordinate affection
- Evil concupiscence
- Covetousness

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- Matthew 5:28

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

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- Myth No. 1
- I'm OK – I won't be tempted.

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- Myth No. 2
- I'm OK – I won't get caught.

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- Myth No. 3
- I'm OK - I can get out of this alone.

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- Col. 3:5
- Fornication
- Uncleanness
- Inordinate affection = “out of control” passions
- Evil concupiscence
- Covetousness

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- Eph. 4:224
- ...And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

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- Col. 3:5
- Fornication
- Uncleanness
- Inordinate affection
- Evil concupiscence = evil cravings
- Covetousness

**Be aware of the steps that may lead toward an affair**

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- Col. 3:5
- Fornication
- Uncleanness
- Inordinate affection
- Evil concupiscence
- Covetousness = wanting what’s not yours

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- 10<sup>th</sup> command – Exodus 20:17
- “...Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife...”

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- 10<sup>th</sup> command – Exodus 20:17
- Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

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- Col. 3:5

...which is idolatry.

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- Colossians 3:5-7
- Guard your heart against impurity

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- Guard your heart against impurity!
- God’s wrath is real (6)  
God’s people are different (7)

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- God’s wrath is real
- Col 3:6  
For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

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- God's wrath is real (6)
- 2 Tim 2:22 "Flee youthful lusts..."
- 1 Cor 16:18 "Flee from sexual immorality"

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- God's people are different
- Col. 3:7
- In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

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- Colossians 3:5-7
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Introducing... the Incomparable CHRIST!

- Theme of the epistle to the Colossians (& tri-city churches)
- Live the new life completely IN the incomparable Christ

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Colossians 3:5-7

