

Should Christians Be Married?
1 Corinthians 7:1-16
January 9, 2022

I. Each Person Should Be Married (V. 1-5)

A. Marriage does not satisfy sinful desires but satisfies God-given desires that are vulnerable to corruption.

B. Marriage does not cancel sex but purifies it.

II. It's Good to Remain Single (V. 6-16)

A. Singleness is not a person's failure to marry, but Christ's victory over the flesh.

B. Marriage is not about getting what we want, but about giving what someone else needs.

C. Marriage is not a curse, it is sanctifying.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-16.
2. Does premarital sex count as sexual immorality? How do you know from this passage? How is marriage a godly response to sexual immorality, as verse 2 says?
3. Is God anti-sex, as verse 1 sort of implies? How do you know from this passage? Is sex an essential part of a marriage? Why or why not?
4. How is a woman giving up her authority over her body to her husband a protection against sexual immorality? Wouldn't that make the woman especially vulnerable to abuse? Why or why not?
5. How is singleness a godly response to sexual immorality, as verses 7 and 8 say? How is that not a contradiction to verse 2?
6. In what way is a Christian's marriage to a non-Christian holy in God's sight? Does that annul the warnings elsewhere in scripture (2 Cor 6:14-16)? How can this relationship be both holy and prohibited?
7. Pray for our church, that our members would be filled with wisdom and insight to navigate through gray areas of life with grace, gospel fluency, and biblical confidence. Consider coming to tonight's online church prayer meeting at 7 pm (register from the church website on the homepage).

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Job 7-9

January Memory Verses: Job 9:2-4

2 Timothy 3:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

The previous Zoom link expired on 12/26/2021. If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting.

Register with your name and email address. The new registration will last through 4/17/2022.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our Disciple Now event on February 11-13 for our youth group, that it would ultimately lead to students being saved and baptized.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, David & Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, John T. in California, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Jeanette C., Ruthie C., Floyd & Karen C. (daughter, niece, Mary E.), Cordero C. (grandfather), Marge D. (brother), Ida S. (two sisters-in-law), Frances P. (brother-in-law), Dorothy C. (sister-in-law), Gwen L. (brother), Rita H. (daughter-in-law), Kelly J., Rick S., Andrew R. and family (sister, aunt, & mother, Julie R.), Paul & Kathy W. (daughter's signif. other)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (unexplained health issues), Gaylon K. (recovering from surgery), Mary R. (upcoming kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots, hip pain), Leon V. (chemotherapy), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Ruthie C. (tumor/kidney stone), Margaret J's husband (recovering from non-COVID pneumonia), and Raul O. (recovering from triple bypass surgery)
- Those struggling with COVID
- Others that you are aware of