

The Church and Sex—1 Cor. 6:12-20

<u>The Biblical sexual ethic</u>—Any sexual act is to be expressed only within a <u>lifelong</u>, <u>loving</u>, <u>marriage</u> relationship between one man and one woman.

- Lifelong—Mat. 19:5-6, 1 Cor. 7:1-16
- Loving—Eph.5:15-33, 1 Pet. 2:21-25
- Within marriage—Heb.13:4; Mat. 5:27-30
- One man and one woman—Gen. 2:19-25; Rom. 1:26-27

Making change in our lives

- 1) It is worth <u>struggling</u> against sin, in order to <u>honor</u> our savior.
- 2) Live by grace, strive for righteousness.
- 3) Take steps to make a change <u>today</u>.

Memory Verse for 2021

"that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:11–14

Scripture to Pray

Romans 6:1–4

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?" "By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

From the Resources

"All this means that no matter how many times I have failed, how many times I have said yes to what required a no, or how defeated I feel, I am not stuck; change really is possible ... Our hope for change rests not so much on our character, but on His. Now, that's good news."

- Sex in a Broken World By: Paul David Tripp