

PUTTING OFF SEXUAL SIN

Colossians 3.5-7, 12-14

THE HEART OF IDOLATRY

The human heart is an idol factory.

-John Calvin

Colossians 3.5-7 // Proverbs 27.20 // James 1.14, 15

Your flesh will never try to convince you in broad terms
that a particular sin is not wrong,
But it will try to convince you that your instance
of that particular sin is an exception.

Sin is a worship issue. It's an opportunity to ask "why am I doing this?" Rather than just trying to get rid of it, find out the source. Ask, "what is it that I think is more beautiful than Christ?" Our sin is smoke from the altar of idolatry; it is like physical pain, which is a symptom of something wrong under the surface.

SEXUAL SIN

At the heart of sexual sin is that we really believe, "God, you're not true. I can't trust You to be good, and I can't trust You to provide my needs and my ultimate satisfaction." Sexual sin exposes to us that we worship our own desires above God's desires, and that we see ourselves as more wise than He is.

Your sin may be private, but it is never personal.

Romans 13.13, 14

Spiritual disciplines can trim the roots of sin,
but only the Gospel can pull the roots.

-John Owen

PUT ON...

The Gospel uses your weaknesses as the
doorway to His grace.

Colossians 3.12-14 // Hebrews 4.15, 16 // 1 Corinthians 6.18-20 // 2 Timothy 2.22

When you desire to be most alive to God—
you will generally find sin most alive to repel you.

-C.H. Spurgeon

NOTES:

Other Suggested Resources:

Go to the following websites and type in "sexual sin" or "adultery" to find a number of great resources, articles, and sermons on sexual sin:

www.desiringgod.org: Pastor John Piper's resource ministry.

www.thegospelcoalition.com: Resources, articles, videos from various leaders.

www.thevillagechurch.net: Pastor Matt Chandler's church.

www.marshall.com: Pastor Mark Driscoll's church.

www.justinholcomb.com: A pastor passionately involved in sexual sin education.

www.xxxchurch.com: an online ministry aimed at helping people with porn addictions.

Daily Devotionals:

Monday: Colossians 3.15-17 // Proverbs 27.20

Tuesday: James 1.14, 15 // Psalm 135.15-18

Wednesday: Romans 13.13, 14

Thursday: Colossians 3.12-14 // Hebrews 4.15, 16

Friday: 1 Corinthians 6.18-20 // 2 Timothy 2.22

Saturday: Isaiah 30.22 //

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEXICO MISSION

November 16 and 17 (Saturday and Sunday) we will be sending down another team to help out Jose Luis and Cindy Pesina. They will specifically be helping build a home for a church member and helping the Pesina's transition to their new location.

If you would like to go, the cost is \$45, you do need a passport, and you can find out more by contacting matt@lifemission.tv. If you can't go but would like to help, we are in need of imperishable food items! Please bring the food to church over the next couple weeks.

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

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**Jesus + Nothing = Everything
Reading Plan**

Chapter 7, pages 89-103



SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Colossians 3.5-7, 12-14**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

How would you define "an idol" in your own words? _____

Paul ties idolatry to the word "covet." What are things in your life that you have as idols? What are some probing questions that can help you identify what those idols are? _____

Read **Proverbs 27.20** and **James 1.14, 15**. How does the "simple" act of idolatry over something in our heart end up if we don't intentionally battle and make war against our idolatry? _____

Depending on your Group, for the following section, it may be best to break up into guys and girls. The questions will assume that.

When it comes to sexual sin, our culture is out of control. What challenges and temptations have you personally faced, or are facing now? _____

Idolatry and sin always starts with a lie. What lie are you being tempted with?

Why doesn't just saying, "just don't do it" or "just say no" or just simply trying harder or other methods ever work? _____

What truths do you need to be reminded of in order to help you flee and be set free? _____

Read **Colossians 3.12-14** and **1 Corinthians 6.18-20**. What truths from these verses can you "put on" in order to help you "put off" your sexual sin? _____

Read **Galatians 5.13** and **Romans 13.13, 14**. What are the "opportunities" and "provisions" for the flesh that are in your life that need to be addressed? What that means is that, we often put ourselves in situations that give our flesh room to lash out. It could be certain company, certain places, or certain activities. Remember, however, that abstaining from these things alone does not change your heart, but that when we do abstain from some things, it gives the Gospel a much clearer path into our heart, because our heart is not wrapped up in idolatry. Ask someone to help keep you accountable in these areas.

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