

The Gospel and Purity

(the gospel and my way of life)

Purpose: In this document, I will first explain what the gospel is, then make applications on how the gospel affects my morality.

1. What is the Gospel?

- a. Christ became a man. (Philippians 2:5-8)
- b. Christ died for man. (1 John 4:9-10)
- c. Christ rose again and is now in heaven.

How do I receive Christ as my Savior?

It's as easy as A,B,C!

1. Admit you're a sinner. (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8)
2. Believe what Jesus Christ did for you. (Romans 10:9,10)
3. Confess your belief in Jesus Christ.

"Okay, now I know what the gospel is and I believe it, but what does this have to do with my moral purity?"

2. The Gospel Affects Our Moral Purity.

- a. The origin of sin in the world.

What happened to sever the relationship with God? Why did sin enter the world?

Sin entered the world because of the idolatrous desires of our hearts. Eve was tempted in these ways and gave in to temptation. At that moment, Eve was worshipping herself as god rather than the One true God who created her. (Genesis 3:1-7)

1. Lust of the flesh (to do--pleasure)-- *the tree was good for food*
2. Lust of the eyes (to have--possessions)— *was pleasant to the eyes*
3. Pride of life (to be--position)-- *be desired to make one wise*

1 John 4:15,16 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

What are we supposed to love? God – not the world. Anything that you love more than the God is an idol.

b. What is an **idol**?

Def. - An image or representation of a god used as an object of worship.

A person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered. It's thinking something else can satisfy other than God.

c. Identifying idols of morality.

Body – This would include dress size, exercise, being skinny, over – eating.

Because of the gospel – we have been made beautiful in the site of God.

*Colossians 1:20 – 22 - And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:***

In the sight of God, we are beautiful, holy and perfect. What freedom this should bring us! God thinks we are beautiful! The God who never makes mistakes, made us just the way He wanted us. This should free us of fear and give us confidence in the love of God. This doesn't mean we can go out and eat whatever we want, but we should not despair if we happen to gain a few pounds. We need to be a good steward.

Dress – wearing tight clothes, low shirts, short skirts and shorts

1 Peter 3:3-4 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Mind/thoughts

Lust

Pornography—fresh content in and then a rehashing later

Unnatural thoughts—the world promotes and encourages relationships beyond the man and woman.

Secret impure habits—fulfilling in secret the lusts of your heart (Mat. 5:28; Phil. 4:8)

Media

Internet, music, magazines, blogs, books, skype, texting, IM, facebook, twitter, email, iphone, television, movies

Questions to ask:

How does media affect you?

How does _____'s lyrics affect your view of sex/relationships?

Does TV promote being gay as ok?

What kind of books can cause you to wish that you had a boyfriend/girlfriend?

What do the teen magazines communicate about relationships?

How does social networking cause you to be a hypocrite?

How does skype/texting/email allow you to engage in impurity?

How is media an idol—how does it “deliver” satisfaction?

Psalm 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave (cling, stick, adhere) to me.

3. Repent of Your Sin

*Psalm 32:5 I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
Selah.*

1. Admit sin
2. Not hide in guilt
3. Confession of sin to the Lord
4. Forgiveness (1 John 1:9)

4. Application Questions

1. What do you love more than God?

Examples: Fashion, position, weight, social media, money, movies, shopping, boys, relationships, sports, music...

- 2 How do you know if you love something more than God?

How would you respond if something was taken away? Do you dress just to please your friends at school? Are you constantly thinking about what others (guys) think of you?

3. Can you recognize idols in your life?

4. Why do you wear the clothes you wear? What do you desire?

To gain attention – an attention seeking heart

To show off our bodies – sexual desires

5. Why do you crave immoral thoughts and sex?

*What is your desire? Loving the World, peer pressure, acceptance
What is your view of God? The reason that you listen to the world's
counsel of immorality is because you think that the world's way is better
than God's way.*

You believe that Satan's lies are better than God's truth.

Here we are back in the Garden of Eden again. We've come full circle.

***When you allow the world's counsel to influence your view of sex, are
you loving Jesus or yourself?***

6. Why do you watch and listen to immoral media?

*What is your desire? –escape from reality, desire for control, self-seeking
pleasure*

*What is your view of God? The reason that you look at images online is
because you don't believe that God is the true source of pleasure.*

*The reason that you have secret habits is because you don't believe that
God's timing for sex is right.*

***Do the meditations of your mind prove that you love Jesus or
yourself?***