

“How to Keep Pure In An Impure World”

INTRODUCTION: Write down a word-picture that best describes the word ‘holiness’.

Chuck Colson writes, “Holiness is the everyday business of every Christian. It is evident in the decisions that we make and the things we do hour by hour and day by day.”

Habakkuk's complaint: 1:2-4

How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Jeremiah's complaint: 6: 15

Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them,” says the Lord.

TOP FIVE ISSUES OF CONCERN 25 CENTURIES AGO

1. Outbreak of international hostility
2. Break-up of _____.
3. Rebellion of _____.
4. Corruption of _____.
5. Chuck holes in public roads!

Karl Meninger writes, “In the discussion of sin and the sin of lust, we have to allow for a considerable shift in the social code during the past century. It has been called a revolution. Perhaps it is. Many forms of sexual activity which for centuries were considered immoral and sinful anywhere, and their public exhibition simply anathema, are now talked about, written about, and exhibited on stage and on screen. (Whatever Became of Sin.)

1. A HISTORY OF SEX AS A _____ OF GOD

- We must as Christians believe sex is a _____ gift of God.
- We must as Christians believe sex is not the _____ gift of God.

2. PAUL'S WORDS ON SEX FROM I THESSALONIANS 3: 13 – 4:8

May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who give you his Holy Spirit.

1. _____ from immorality.
2. _____ against lust.
3. _____ in your walk.

CONCLUSION:

Thank God we have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who was sexually tempted in all things like as we are, yet without sin.

POEM: A FATHER'S NAME

Your name is very, very valuable –

You got it from your father.

Maybe it was all that he had to give.

But it is yours to use and cherish

For as long as you live.

You may lose the watch he gave you

It can always be replaced.

But the black mark on your name, son,

Can never be erased...

So guard it very closely

'Cause after all is said and done,

You'll be glad the name is spotless

When you give it to your son!