



# CASUAL SEX OR SACRED SEXUALITY?

OUR BODIES AND RELATIONSHIPS UNDER GOD

ROMANS 12:2



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# INTRODUCTION





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(Romans 12:1-2)





PART 1

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# 1. Separating the body from the person





## 2. Joining the body to the person

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### 3. Joining one person to another







## a) The Christian is owned by God

You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

(1 Corinthians 6:13)

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own ...

(1 Corinthians 6:19)





## **b) The Christian is made for eternity**

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead,  
and he will raise us also.

(1 Corinthians 6:14)





## c) The Christian is united with Christ

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

(1 Corinthians 6:15)





## d) The Christian and illicit unions

Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”

(1 Corinthians 6:16)





## e) The Christian is God's temple

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

(1 Corinthians 6:18-20)





## 4. Sex (?) without a person

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully  
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

(Matthew 5:28)





## a) Our basis for ethics





## b) Jesus and desire

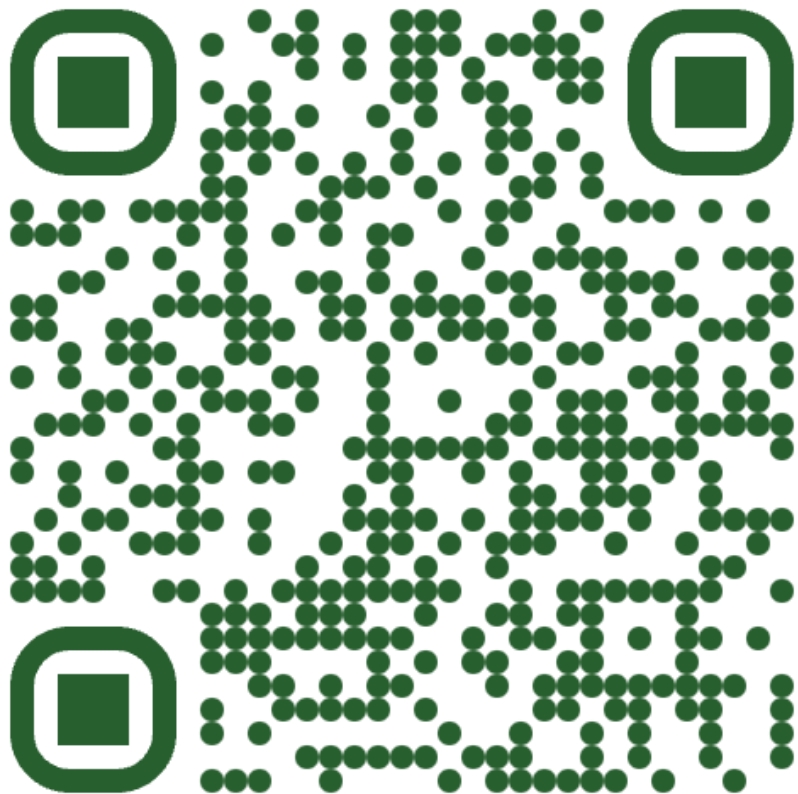






# Conclusion





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