

You Asked For It 1

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I Thessalonians 4:7-8 – ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

What is being hailed as tolerance requires me to reject God.

31% of those under 30 now classify themselves as something other than heterosexual.

24% of those ages 30 to 44 classify themselves as bi-sexual, compared to less than 8% of those over 45.

There is no way to explain this other than the impact culture has made on a person's sexuality.

Miley Cyrus: "I am literally open to every single thing that is consenting and doesn't involve an animal and everyone is of age." Everything that's legal, I'm down with. Yo, I'm down with any adult—anyone over the age of 18 who is down to love me. I don't relate to being boy or girl, and I don't have to have my partner relate to boy or girl."

Genesis 1:26-27 – ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

All gender confusion and sexual sin or brokenness is an attempt by the enemy of your soul to distort the image of God in man.

Satan, who is the god of this world, wants to create "his image in Man," in order to kill, steal, and destroy.

Sexual sin is when you accept a behavior that God deems sinful or against his will. You define God.

Sexual brokenness is when you are trapped in a sexual sin and don't know how to get free, because the root of your sin isn't attached to sex, but being broken.

Sexual brokenness is when you overlay your pain with sexual sin.

This is why we judge the sin, but not the person.

Sexual sin and brokenness isn't only about homosexuality or gender confusion. Let's not forget:

- Porn addictions (false intimacy)
- Promiscuity
- Adultery

Woman Taken In Act Of Adultery

John 8:1-12 – ¹ Jesus went across to Mount Olives, ² but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them. ³ The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone ⁴ and said, "Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. ⁵ Moses, in the Law, gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?" ⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. ⁷ They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone." ⁸ Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt. ⁹ Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and spoke to her. "Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?" ¹¹ "No one, Master." "Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin." ¹² Jesus once again addressed them: "I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in."

I Peter 4:10 – Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

If we don't express God's grace to a broken world, then they won't experience it.

Church should be a place where all of us can come broken and experience love, acceptance, and grace while Jesus makes us whole.

All of us need grace, and we that have freely received must freely give.

Willpower won't fix brokenness.

Grace is when you say, "I can't stop. I can't do it," and the gap is filled by divine enablement and a community of believers who will stand with you.

Is God asking people to change or to become holy (or made whole)?

Romans 8:26 – "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness."

Will we be a place where broken people are able to be made whole (holy)?

We should respond to brokenness with mercy, grace, and truth—not shame.

Can you imagine berating a person who has a broken leg? When someone is broken sexually, they deserve our compassion, love, and mercy. Then they deserve our prayers and a desire to see their brokenness made whole.

Jesus longs to see all people made whole—do we?

We exist for you to experience the unconditional love of God, both from God and His people.

Everything we do (church, small groups, serving) is to facilitate this singular purpose.

Samaritan Woman

John 4:7-18,25-26 – ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

Our sin and brokenness can never be satiated.

Jesus provides living water.