

We Must Avoid Sexual Sins and Scandals

Be sure to read Gary Curtis' companion article, "Are Sexual Sins Worse Than Others?" at this link.

In his first epistle to the Corinthian Christians, Paul enumerated categories of sin that would exclude wrongdoers from a part in the future kingdom of God.

"Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God"(1 Cor. 6:9-10, NLT).

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Note that many of these sinful, disqualifying practices were sexual sins. They include sexually active singles and sexually unfaithful married people, as well as same-sex practitioners and sexual abusers.

Sexual Sins Among Christians

These sin issues were more directly emphasized when Paul led the Corinthians believers to acknowledge that "such were some of you" (1 Cor. 6:11a, ESV). Habitual sexual sins can retain strong powers over us, even though sincere believers have been spiritually cleansed from sin ("washed"), set apart for God's exclusive use ("sanctified") and made right in His sight ("justified").

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Paul taught the Roman Christians that sensual thoughts and actions will tempt us to obey sin's power and practices (Rom. 7:14-24). But, we who are saved "in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11b) are empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit. He calls us to "cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God" (2 Cor. 7:1b, NLT).

In 1 Corinthians 6:13, Paul explained that our redeemed bodies are not for sexual immorality but for our Lord. Instead of repeatedly succumbing to sexual temptations, we must preplan ways to flee from and resist sexual temptations and sin's destructive influences (1 Cor. 6:18a).

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