
AMERICA'S SEXUAL REVOLUTION

I Corinthians 6:9-11

INTRODUCTION

A thorough reading of God's Word reveals that the sexual purity of God's people stood in obvious contrast from the non-Christian world. Prior to America's sexual revolution, this was largely true of Bible believing Christians as well. Sadly, things have radically changed! High standards of Biblical morality used to be inseparable from the Christian faith. It is increasingly more difficult to discern where the world ends and the standards of God's people begin!

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. The sexual revolution in America _____ in the 1950s and developed fully in the 1960s.
- Also known as a time of sexual _____!
- B. To be sure, every revolution is _____ some established order:
1. By definition, the phrase "sexual revolution" refers to a _____ and pervasive change in _____, including the social structure of the society.
 2. America's sexual revolution _____ traditional and Biblical codes of _____ related to sexuality, interpersonal relationships, and ethics.
- C. This revolution was part of an overall _____ that developed throughout much of the Western world between the 1960s and the 1970s:
1. Distinguishing _____ of this counterculture included:
 - An anti-establishment and an anti-_____ mindset!
 - _____ movements!
 - No-fault _____!
 - Alternative _____ such as cohabitation!
 - Availability of birth _____!

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- The _____ of feminism!
 - The _____ Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling on abortion!
2. Factors contributing to the _____ of this counterculture and sexual revolution:
- a. _____ like Sigmund Freud, Havelock Ellis, Bertrand Russell, Margaret Sanger, Etc.
 - b. Books written to _____ rebellion against traditional _____, such as...
 - *Sex and the _____* – 1962
 - *Situational Ethics: A _____ Morality* – 1966
 - c. Magazines such as Playboy, Cosmopolitan, and others focusing on “_____” sexuality as well as nudity (as in Playboy).
 - d. Rock music with lyrics (as well as the lifestyles of the performers) which focused on _____ to authority, drugs, and anti-_____ views of morality!
 - e. Motion pictures where females were portrayed as _____ symbols, and where nudity, cursing, and immoral situations became _____!
 - f. _____ extended the tentacles of the sexual revolution more than any other medium—right into the _____ of the American home!
 - g. _____ manipulation desensitized _____ behavior and was designed to _____ a person's receptivity to what was once forbidden...
 - Erotica replaced _____ and _____!
 - Termination of pregnancy replaced _____ or murder!
 - Pedophiles instead of **child** molesters!
 - Prostitutes and ladies of the night rather than _____ or whore (and their clientele, as whoremongers)!
 - Gay rather than the _____ term sodomite!
 - Adultery has now become an _____!

- D. Three main philosophies _____ and illustrate the sexual revolution:
1. Humanism – It is a man-made attempt to _____ man above _____!
 2. Relativism – It refers to an ethical system in which right and wrong are _____ absolute and unchanging but relative to one's culture or one's own _____ preferences.
 3. Hedonism – This _____ is the embodiment of the old philosophy: "Eat, _____, and be merry, for tomorrow we _____."

II. **BURNING ISSUES**

- When discussing the topic of sexual morality with those who either reject or _____ Biblical views, several accusations are presented in opposition to _____ of truth. We will consider three of the most notable objections, presented in the form of a question:
- A. Is _____ anti-sex?
1. No! The _____ thing God said to Adam and Eve was to have _____ – Genesis 1:26-28
 - In fact, all of the five Biblical _____ for marriage involve the beauty and unity of a _____ relationship:
 - a. _____ – Genesis 1:28
 - b. _____ – Genesis 2:18-25
 - c. _____ – I Corinthians 7:1,2
 - d. _____ of Christ and the church – Ephesians 5:24-33
 - e. _____ – Hebrews 13:4
- B. Are sexual relations, _____ from marriage, acceptable as long as two people _____ one another and are _____ to each other?
1. No! The simple truth is that God _____ all sexual relationships outside of a _____ marriage – Exodus 20:14; I Thessalonians 4:3
 - Sex is a _____, but it also has _____ – Hebrews 13:4
 2. Commitment for a _____ and _____ in love means they get married – Genesis 2:24

- The word "cleave" means to be _____ together...
 - And that's commitment!
 - There is not one _____ in all of God's Word where God advocates or _____ sex outside of a marriage relationship between a husband (man) and his wife (woman)!
- C. If God is pro-sex, doesn't He want me to experience _____ relations with several _____ sexual partners? After all, the temptations are too _____ to reject!
1. God has established _____ boundaries for sexual activity called marriage, and He did so to _____ us – Proverbs 13:10; I Corinthians 6:15-20; James 1:14-16
 - Illicit sexual behavior not only hurts _____, it can do serious _____ to your life because it is a _____ against yourself as well as God!
 2. Sexual _____ may be, and should be, controlled – I Corinthians 10:12,13; II Timothy 2:22; II Peter 2:9

III. BIBLICAL INSIGHT

- A. Embrace God's original _____ for marriage – Genesis 2:24,25
1. It is to be monogamous = _____ person!
 2. It is to be heterosexual = _____ gender!
 - "One man, one _____, one flesh, one _____!"
- B. Realize _____ is not God's _____ option – Mark 10:7-9
- C. Understand premarital or extramarital sexual relations are _____ – Deuteronomy 22:22; I Corinthians 6:13,18; 7:2; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3
 - The word _____ is derived from the Greek word, "porneia" which refers to illicit sexual relations, including premarital sex!
- D. Refrain from lustful _____ of the mind which depict _____ relations involving people to whom you are _____ married – Job 31:1; Psalm 100:3; Matthew 5:27,28; Romans 13:14; I Thessalonians 5:22
- E. Remember, God is a God of _____ to those who repent (turn from their sin) and seek Him through _____ of sin. – Psalm 32:1-5; I John 1:9

Just a few decades ago, I never imagined that we would live in a time like today. It's a day in which many obvious violations of God's absolute moral code are not only committed openly and without shame but enshrined into law. But as I've said before, we should not be surprised or disheartened. Historically, Christians have more often than not lived in a world that ignored or was hostile to the moral law.

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