

Heterosexual Perversion

Definition

Pervert: To cause to turn away from what is right, proper, or good; corrupt.¹

A Brief and Selective History of Sexuality in the Bible

The Bible is actually full of sexual content. I often say that the Bible is Rated X, Rated R for violence and Rated G because it is God's.

In the Old Testament

- Adam & Eve were created as partners in Genesis 1 & 2. Eve was the perfect mate for Adam. She was lacking in nothing that he would need. She was suitable in every way, including sexually. God told them to be fruitful and multiply.
- Abraham messed up and had intercourse with multiple women. God said a child would come through Sarah, but he also slept with Hagar. Later Abraham remarried and had more children with his new wife, Ketura [Genesis 25:1]
- Lot slept with two of his daughters, at their deceptive instigation [Genesis 19]. Their descendents were the Moabites and the Ammonites. Both nationalities were at war with Israel at different times.
- The Law required that adulterers be killed [Leviticus 20:10].
- David & Solomon both had multiple wives [I Kings 11:3 records that Solomon had 700 wives, princesses and 300 concubines].
- The Song of Solomon, being erotic in nature was barred from all Jewish readers until they were 30 so as to have them past their sexual hormone peak and reduce the temptation that might be stirred by the book!
- Hosea, the prophet of God was told to marry a harlot. This was to represent the spiritual adultery of Israel [Hosea 1:2].

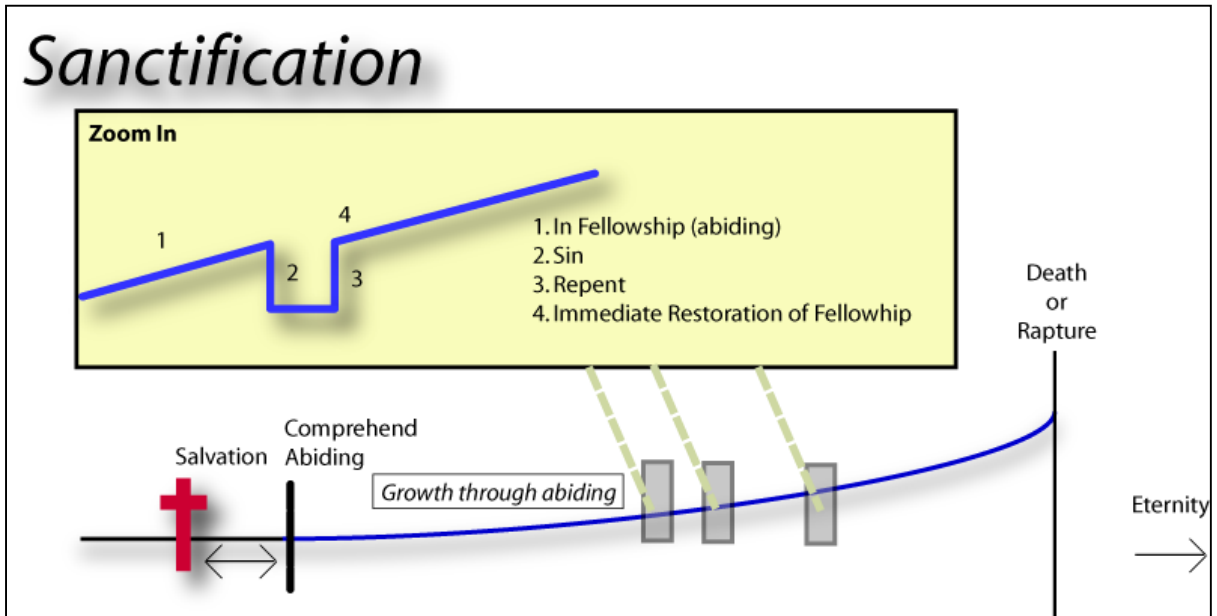
New Testament

- Jesus met the woman at the well who was active in adultery and presented her with the opportunity for living water [John 4].
- The woman who was about to be stoned in was caught in adultery [John 8].
- Paul directed that younger people should remarry so as to not be tempted by sexual desires [I Timothy 5:11, 14; also 1 Corinthians 7:2-5,9].

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Sanctification

The believer is not helpless against sexual temptation, and is not to view married sexuality outside of the context of sanctification. Sanctification is critical to the life of the believer for it is the work of the Life (Christ) in the believer. Sanctification will be the believer resting in the fact that their position has set them entirely aside. This often is worked out progressively as He reveals His will and desire for various areas of our lives.



The perversion of sanctification can show up in various ways. There are many common misconceptions.

Common Misconceptions in Christendom About Sexuality

Corruption of the Biblical View	An Answer
Sex is carnal and leads to walking in the flesh.	Sure, Paul writes sex within marriage is <i>part</i> of what makes a marriage grow. Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica that they should abstain from sexual immorality [I Thes. 4:3]. This does not apply to sex within marriage. Walking in the flesh is a result of the believer not abiding. The believer should abide in Christ to prevent walking in the flesh whether the temptation is sex, money or collecting baseball cards. Abstinence in various parts of Christendom is often legalism and should not be viewed as normative. Paul's admonishment to the believer that being single may allow a believer to focus on ministry does not equate to a command for those in ministry to abstain.

God doesn't like sex. It should only happen in the case of procreation.	Yes, Genesis 1:28 says that mankind should, "be fruitful and multiply..." However, Solomon explicitly states in Proverbs 5:18b-19 that his son should rejoice in his wife and that he should be exhilarated always with her love.
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The Ways of the World

The world, due to its corruption as outlined in Romans 1, is incapable of viewing sex from a godly position. While humans are sexually oriented creations, looking at sex outside of God's plan perverts it and leads people into sinful abuses of sexuality (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8) or abstinence with ungodly motives (1 Timothy 4:1-5).

Romans 1 outlines various sexual deviances and sinful mindsets in general from verse 24 to the end of the chapter.

Common Misconceptions About Sexuality in the World

Worldly Misconception	Answer
Pornography is OK, it can help people get sexually excited and keep the marriage bed 'interesting.'	Building on Christ's statement in Matthew 5:27-28 that looking at a woman with a lustful attitude is the same as adultery, it would seem that pornography is in essence adultery. The biblical admonition in the New Testament for an elder in the church to be a 'one-woman kind of man' in I Timothy 3:2 indicates a sexual purity that excludes adultery.
What goes on between two consenting adults should not be asked about, nor questioned.	It completely ignores any absolute standard. Romans 1:30 makes it clear that mankind will make up new ways to sin.