

Sexual sins can keep you from Heaven!

1. I Corinthians 6:9-18 warns: “Don’t you know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral...nor adulterers...will inherit the Kingdom of God...** “And that is what some of you (Christians) were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God...”

A. “sexually immoral” or fornicators (KJV)” is the Greek word “**pornoi**” which translates: “illicit sexual intercourse between an unmarried man and woman.”

B. “adulterers” is the Greek word “**moichoi**” which translates: “unlawful sexual intercourse with the spouse of another.”

C. Christians who refuse to repent of this sin, and continue to have sex outside of marriage, will not go to Heaven! The Apostle Paul again warned the Christians in the Galatian churches in **Galatians 5:19-21**: “*The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality (pornoi)...I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the Kingdom of God.*”

D. Verses 16-20 goes on to say: “*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’ (Genesis 2:24)...Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body!*”

(1) The reason for the sin is that when you have sex with someone, you become part of them (*one..in body*). Jesus explains in **Mark 10:7-9**: “*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united (sexually) to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.*”

2. So, what if you are guilty of this sin?

A. In **Matthew 21:28-32** Jesus said: “*There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he **changed his mind** (repented) and went...the prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God ahead of you. For John (the Baptist) came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but...the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not **repent...**”*

B. *John 8:3-11* tells of when the Church leaders brought Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They told Jesus: “...*this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law (Old Testament), Moses commanded us to stone such women (Deuteronomy 22:22* also said the man was to die; where is he?). *Now what do you say?*” And Jesus answered: “*If any one of you is without sin, let him begin stoning her...At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time.*” Then Jesus asked the woman: “*Has no one condemned you?*” “*No one, sir,*” she said. “*Then neither do I condemn you,*” Jesus declared. “*Go now and leave your life of sin.*”

3. Before you *stone* someone who is guilty of *sexual immorality*, be sure and read Jesus’ words in ***Matthew 5:27,28***: “*You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery’ (Exodus 20:13). But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*”

A. Most people are declared “not guilty” of sexual sins only because they didn’t get caught. But, they forget that the Holy Spirit is inside them and sees their thoughts.

B. Remember, the word translated “*sexually immoral*” or “*fornicators*” is the Greek word “*pornoi*” which is where we get our English word “*pornography*” or “*porno.*” How many Christians are renting X-rated videos, or logging onto a pornographic website, and “*lustfully*” committing “*sexual immorality*” in their “*heart?*”

C. *Romans 13:13* warns Christians: “*Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery...*”

(1) “***Debauchery***” or “***wantonness***” (KJV) is the Greek word: “*aselgeia,*” which translates: “denotes excess, absence of restraint, indecency, lasciviousness...”

(2) “***Lasciviousness***” means “Characterized by or expressing lust or lewdness, tending to excite lustful desires.” The way we party? Or dance? Or dress? Or talk? Indecent bodily movements?

4. People who **repent** of sexual sins can not only be forgiven, but become of great value to Jesus. ***John 4:1-39*** tells how Jesus used a woman divorced five times and living with another man outside of marriage. Once she repented and came to Jesus, she won over almost an entire town for Him!

A. *II Samuel 11 - 12:24* tells the story of David’s sexual sin with Bathsheba. He not only had sex with her outside of marriage, but got her pregnant, and then killed her husband to cover it up. God punished them by taking the baby; but then God accepted their repentance, and forgave them, and not only allowed them to marry, but blessed them with another child, and made that child the next King...his name was Solomon (the greatest of all the Kings of Israel)!