

THE COSMIC CHRIST

SEXUAL PURITY 101
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2



GETTING STARTED

This weekend, we continued our series called *The Cosmic Christ – Restoring the Image*, and focused on how sexual purity is a key part of our transformation as Christ-followers.

As you begin this study, spend a few moments and reflect on the transformation that Jesus is calling you toward. Write down anything the Lord highlights for you.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **Colossians 3:5-7**

Side note: due to the sensitive nature of this week's topic, if you attend a co-ed group, we encourage you to split into separate groups for men and women for part or all of your discussion.



STUDY QUESTIONS

1. As you think back through Michael's message and your message notes from the weekend, what was something that encouraged or challenged you?
2. We live in a culture where one of the most common views on sex is that all sex is good sex as long as it's with consenting adults. Sometimes, we even see this reasoning among people who claim to be followers of Jesus. Why do you think some people in the church believe it's okay to have sex outside of marriage?
3. This weekend, we learned from 1 Corinthians 6:15-20 that when we come to Christ, we belong to Him body and soul—both our bodies *and* our souls are important to Him. **Read Romans 12:1.**
 - a. According to this verse, what kind of worship is God worthy of?
 - b. Why do you believe God is worthy of this level of sacrifice?

4. We learned about the Greek word *melos*, meaning “members” or “body parts,” which is used in **Colossians 3:5** and **1 Corinthians 6:15**. The Apostle Paul also uses this same word in **Romans 6:11-13** (the NIV translates the Greek word *melos* with the word “yourself” twice in verse 13). Read all three passages.

a. The worldview of sex in our culture says that how we use our bodies has no effect on our faith or our relationship with God. How do these verses challenge that perspective?

5. Clearly, sexual immorality is a big deal for us and for God. Read **1 Corinthians 6:13-20**.

a. How do these verses explain for whom and what your body is made for?

b. Describe the impact of sexual immorality on your body.

c. Now read **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**. How does sexual immorality impact our relationship with God?

6. This weekend, Michael asked 2 key questions. The first was *Are You Willing ... To Embrace The Truth?*

a. Take a moment and reflect on your receptivity to the Scriptures you just studied. How would you honestly answer this question?

b. Are there any roadblocks that may be hindering you from embracing the truth in this area of your life?

7. The second key question was *Are You ... Being Renewed?* **Read Colossians 3:9-10**.

a. Looking back on this past year, do you see yourself being renewed to become more like your Creator, or have you become more like the world? How so?

8. Take a moment and open a conversation with Jesus about your sex life. Ask Him: “Is there anything you want to say to me about that?” Acknowledge Jesus as Lord and allow Him to speak into your life.