



## **“Jesus’ Take on Sex”**

**How many of you got up at 4 AM to watch the royal wedding?**

**A common belief in America is this: “Sex is god.”**

**Counterfeit god #1:** I am saved by “Romantic Love” in the “happily-ever-after culture.”

**Counterfeit god #2:** I am saved by “Apocalyptic Sex” in the “hook-up culture.”

**Question:** Are these two “gods” really delivering meaning, joy, and fulfillment?

**Jesus’ take on sex:**

**#1 In the context of a husband and wife covenant relationship...sex is a wonderful gift from God.** (Matthew 19:4-6 and Proverbs 5:18, 19 and 1 Timothy 5:1-5)

**#2 Outside the context of a husband and wife covenant relationship...sex is sinful, harmful, and disappointing.** (Matthew 5:27, 28 and Hebrews 13:4)

**#3 In any context sex is inadequate for ultimate fulfillment...only Jesus gives that.** (Colossians 2:9, 10 and 3:1-4)

**If you have put your faith in Jesus for forgiveness:** You are complete in Jesus. Period. End of discussion. And He never had sex—not even once!

# “Walking Papers”

*Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.*

**Foundational Truth:** In any context, sex is inadequate for ultimate fulfillment...  
only Jesus gives that.

- **Today.** Please reflect on the two definitions of counterfeit gods below and ask God if you have succumbed to either one of them in some measure. What do you need to do?
  - **Counterfeit god #1:** I am saved by “Romantic Love” in the “happily-ever-after culture.”
  - **Counterfeit god #2:** I am saved by “Apocalyptic Sex” in the “hook-up culture.”
- **Monday.** Who invented sex? What does that say about sex?
- **Tuesday.** Please read Matthew 19:4-6 and Proverbs 5:18, 19 and 1 Timothy 5:1-5. What are eight to ten words you could use to describe God’s perspective on sex in the context of covenant marriage?
- **Wednesday.** Please read Matthew 5:27, 28 and Hebrews 13:4. Are there any lessons or directives for your life in these passages?
- **Thursday.** Please reflect on: “In Jesus all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete.” (Col 2:9, 10) You are complete in Jesus. Period. End of discussion. And He never had sex—not even once! What does this stir up in your heart and your mind?
- **Friday.** Please reflect on this from Col 3:4. “Christ is our life.” Period. End of discussion. And He never had sex—not even once! What does this stir up in your heart and your mind?
- **Saturday.** Please consider this: “When we see how Jesus loves us...” “We stop trying to redeem ourselves through our pursuits and relationships, because we are already redeemed.” Timothy Keller in *Counterfeit Gods*. What does this stir up in your heart and your mind?

**Note for Connection Groups:** The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at:  
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