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Filling in the Gaps – Lesson 20
Fornication

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This Bible lesson is about fornication as called by our Lord. The 20th and 21st century culture has euthanized the word to make it more socially acceptable, calling it love making, an affair, relations, whoopee, fooling around, fling, sleeping with, and an array of other words we will not use in a Bible lesson. Fornication is sin, no matter what you call it, even if you are in love. Fornication is listed in Romans 1 with all the other evil doings that will bring the wrath of God on those who commit them. The Bible teaches in the Old Testament that those who commit fornication (whoring) would be cut off from God. (Leviticus 20:5; Psalm 106:39) The Lord does not change; if something was a sin in Old Testament times, it is a sin in New Testament times. *For I am the LORD, I change not* (Malachi 3:6a; Hebrews 13:8)

1 Corinthians 5:1a *It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you*, that is physical relations outside the bonds of marriage. You can try to make excuses by saying physical relations outside of marriage constitute a marriage, but that is just another way to justify your sin. If sexual relations constitute a marriage, then you could never commit fornication or adultery, you would just be married to a different person each time you committed this wicked sin.

Where does sexual immorality start? It starts in your heart, through the lust of your flesh. Then the lust of your eyes ignites the pride of your life, resulting in you wanting it no matter the cost (1 John 2:16; Genesis 3:6-9). Let's read through Romans 1:18-32, and pick up on some important words and statements.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

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23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

(Darwinism, Survival of the fittest, Big Bang, Primordial soup, Self-god)

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (Save the animals, kill your unborn child to save yourself)

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

(Sodomites, Gays, Lesbians, transvestites, transgender, and all other sexual wickedness.)

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

(This is Hollywood, TV, Entertainment)

Does this entertain you?

Matthew 5:28 *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.* Remember, when the Bible speaks it is androgenic, referring to both men and women. We see this in Romans 1:26-32, where the wickedness of the human race is manifest through its evil deeds.

1 Corinthians 5:1b *...and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.* It does not say his mother. It says his father's wife. The Bible is not speaking of incest, it is fornication. Father and son are having a relationship with the same woman. (Sounds like an American soap opera.)

1 Corinthians 5: 2-6 *And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.* Mourning is associated with death. If you have done this deed, you should be in

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mourning, but instead your pride has made it a big joke. (Verse 3) *For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?* Here is a comparison between the law of nature and the law of God. You put leaven in the lump of meal, and the whole loaf will be affected by that leaven. You introduce leaven to your Christian life, eventually the whole of you will be all leaven. It's a fixed law in God's universe.

The world lives with the attitude of pride, *"if it feels good to me, nobody is going to tell me what to do."* Our responsibility is not to try to change the world, it is to have a good testimony for God's church. If you are a born again child of God, God is telling you that you are not to be like the world in their attitudes and actions, and that you are not to associate with other born again believers that do the things God has instructed us not to do. 1 Corinthians 5:11 *But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.* Why is God so strict in this matter? Remember what He told us in the verses above? *Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?* The testimony of God's Church and your testimony are far more important than your fornicating, covetous, idolatrous, railing, or drunken friends. Sure God wants them to be saved, but they will not get saved any quicker by you hanging out with them. In fact, they may very well draw you right back into their devilment. Look how the Lord explains it in Psalm 1:1 *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.* Once you start walking with the ungodly, you will start standing around with them, talking about the good ole times; and, before you know it, you will be sitting and spending time with them. The Bible says *we are not to keep company.* 1 Corinthians 5:13b *Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.*

Forty-four (44) times in the New Testament God warns saved people about sexual immorality. The nature of the human being is to desire companionship with the opposite sex. There is nothing wrong with a physical relationship between a man and a woman. However, the God who made the man and woman ordained the relationship, and He made some rules.

The God of the Bible put a man and a woman together and said, *"Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..."* (Genesis 1:22, 28; 8:17; 9:1; 35:11). This is not meant to happen through the means of test tubes, cloning,

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or in-vitro fertilization. God intends for the production of offspring to occur through the marriage union of a man and woman. Hebrews 13:4 God says the marriage bed is undefiled. *Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers (one who commits fornication) and adulterers (one who commits fornication while in a marriage or one who commits fornication to another married person) God will judge.*

Let this next point sink in deep. Fornication is a damning sin not only with the body, but also to the soul of both you and your partner. Let me explain, 1 Corinthians 6:18 *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.* Proverbs 6:32 *But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. 33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.* (This statement is speaking both to men and women.)

In the Old Testament, when a man and a woman were caught in the act of fornication or adultery, both were killed (Deuteronomy 22). A woman who sleeps with a man she is not married to is called a whore and is in league with sorcery.

1 Corinthians 6:9 *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Look what is at the top of God's list when it comes to unrighteousness. Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind...* Four of the top five in the list are sexual sins. God knows man's problem is sex. God knows that modern women need companionship, and if they have to give of their body to satisfy that desire of companionship, they will. Would you ever have sex with somebody you weren't married to? Would you ever fool around outside of your marriage? Here is the way God looks at this whole soul destroying sin - He said,

- *fornicators* (sexual sins with unmarried people)
- *adulterers* (sexual sins among married people)
- *effeminate* (sexual sins of men with men and women with women)
- *abusers of themselves with mankind...* (sexual sins where they abuse the physical act to harm themselves and to purposely hurt others.) see also 1 Timothy 1:10.

1 Corinthians 6:11-15, 20. *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 12. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them.* The lost person and the carnal Christian will say, "It's my body; I can do what I want with it..." God says it is not for that! *Now the body is not for fornication,*

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but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. Verse 20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

If you are a parent or a partner in a marriage, below are some indicators your loved one is leaning towards or doing this type of behavior.

- Looking at the opposite sex for more than just a glance.
- Looking at magazines or the internet that show the opposite sex either scantily dressed or undressed.
- attempting to justify the above, with comments such as:
 - I am just looking
 - I can look but not touch, right?
 - It's OK everybody goes through this phase.
 - This is my 7 year itch.
 - My mid-life crisis.
 - I am not doing anything wrong

In reading this lesson, you have been stimulated in one of two ways, either disgust or interest. If you were enticed by the subjects spoken of in this lesson, you are wicked, and God will judge you with fierce judgment, both now and after you die. Don't even think that since God has not passed judgment on you yet, you have dodged the bullet. God is very merciful and will give you many chances to repent, but sooner or later God will bring judgment upon you, either in the form of disease or death. Oh yes, we are all going to die, but no one knows when. We hope this will happen when we are old, but that is not always the case.

The ole saying is:

*Sin takes you farther that you want to go,
keeps you longer than you want to stay
and costs you more that you want to pay.*

It all starts with a wrong heart towards God. If you are struggling with this sin, as long as you are alive, there is time to repent. Ask God to help you. If you don't, and you continue in this sin, your life will be hard (Proverbs 13:15) until the day you close your eyes in death and your opportunity to repent is gone.

(Job 8:13; Job 11:20)
Please take time now!!!

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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with all your answers, including the T/F.

1. Where does sexual immorality start?
2. Explain how Genesis 3:6 relates to what we are teaching?
3. What is the effect that sexual immorality has on your soul?*
4. Explain God's principle of the marriage bed.*
5. What does Satan's refusal to do what God says and our decision to do it because we want to, have in common?*
6. Can a fornicator be saved?*
7. What will God do to a person who professes to be saved and is a fornicator?*
8. What will God do to a person is not saved and is a fornicator?*

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9. What did they call a fornicator in the Old Testament?*
10. What was the judgment for someone caught in the act of fornication in the Old Testament?*
11. What are at least 3 of the signs your loved one may be thinking or doing immoral acts?
12. What is the definition of reprobate?
13. What is the most important reason a born again Christian should not be thinking about having sexual relations?
14. How does the television change your way of thinking?

True/false

- Excuses for immoral thinking are not acceptable to God.
- A person cannot be a lesbian or homosexual and be right with God.
- Proverbs 6:32-33 speaks to both men and women.



Scripture memorization

Matthew 5:28; Romans 1:26; 1 Corinthians 5:3, 5.

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

any questions?