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Hebrews 11:1

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Why Is Sex & Sexuality So Important In Marriage?

Ephesian 5:20-25

Giving thanks always for **all things** to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21 submitting to one another** in the fear of God. :**22** Wives, **submit to your own husbands**, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. **24** Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. :**25 Husbands, love your wives,** just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

The Gospel of Christ is the "Power" of God "to salvation" And The Power of Salvation is the Preaching of the Cross!

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Why Is Sex and Sexuality So Important In Marriage?

1.) Sex is a mirror image of God's unity

The union of fellowship in the context of (Christian) marriage is God's given example of Who He is and what His nature is like.

Remember, Sexual Union, According to the Bible, is mankind's most intimate experience that can be known to him and her.

John 10:29-30

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. **30** I and My Father are one."

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2.) Sex is a ministry from one to the other

It is a gift from God.

And so by (1) physical functionality, by (2) emotional connection, and by (3) spiritual union – physical love is given and received as designed by God.

Marital sex & marital sexuality is a ministry designed by God.

1 Corinthians 7:1-2

Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. **2** Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

Male & Female, Christian to Christian, Husband & Wife

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. **4** The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. **5** Do not deprive (rob or withhold) one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

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3.) Sex is the means by which a child is created

In The Church of England:

First, **Marriage**, ordained for the procreation of children, to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His holy Name.

Secondly, **Marriage** was ordained for a remedy against sin, and to avoid fornication; that such persons as have not the gift of self-control might marry and keep themselves undefiled members of Christ's body.

Thirdly, **Marriage** was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity. Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined together.

Procreation, the Science of Reproduction - is a Gift from God.

Psalms 127:3-5a

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. 4 Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. 5 How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!

Psalms 139:1-6

O Lord, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

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4.) Sex is a sacred act of mutual trust

Be Kind, Be Nice, Be Like Jesus.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Hebrews 13:4 NKJV

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled (never to be invaded); but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Hebrews 13:4 ESV

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

A "Sacred" Mutuality.

Within the boundaries of scripture.

(that which honors creation and design)

Within the boundaries of agreement.

(this and that)

Warnings Against Unnatural Sexual Activity.

Viewing Porn, Viewing Porn in the Act of Marriage.

1 Corinthians 6:15-18

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! **16** Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." **17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. :**18** Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

