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A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

“Singleness and Marriage” by Pastor Dan Stockum



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The high Christian view  
of singleness:

celebrated, esteemed,  
even (possibly) preferred



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## 1 Corinthians 7:8

To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.

## 1 Corinthians 7:38

So then he who marries his betrothed does well,  
and he who refrains from marriage  
will do even better.

## 1 Corinthians 7:39-40

<sup>39</sup> A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. <sup>40</sup> Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is.



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## 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

<sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from anxieties.

The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.

## 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

<sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife,  
<sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided.

## 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband.

## 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

<sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.



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## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>12</sup> “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>13</sup> You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>14</sup> By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself?



# 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

Shall I then take the members of Christ  
and unite them with a prostitute? Never!

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>16</sup> 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.”

# 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord  
is one with him in spirit.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price.  
Therefore honor God with your bodies.

# 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>7:1</sup> Now for the matters you wrote about:  
“It is good for a man not to have sexual relations  
with a woman.”

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>2</sup> But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.



# 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>3</sup> The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>4</sup> The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>5</sup> Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

<sup>6</sup> I say this as a concession, not as a command.

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:7

<sup>7</sup> I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.



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# Two prevalent views of sex in the Corinthian church:

- 1) **What I want, when I want it**
- 2) **Avoid at all costs**



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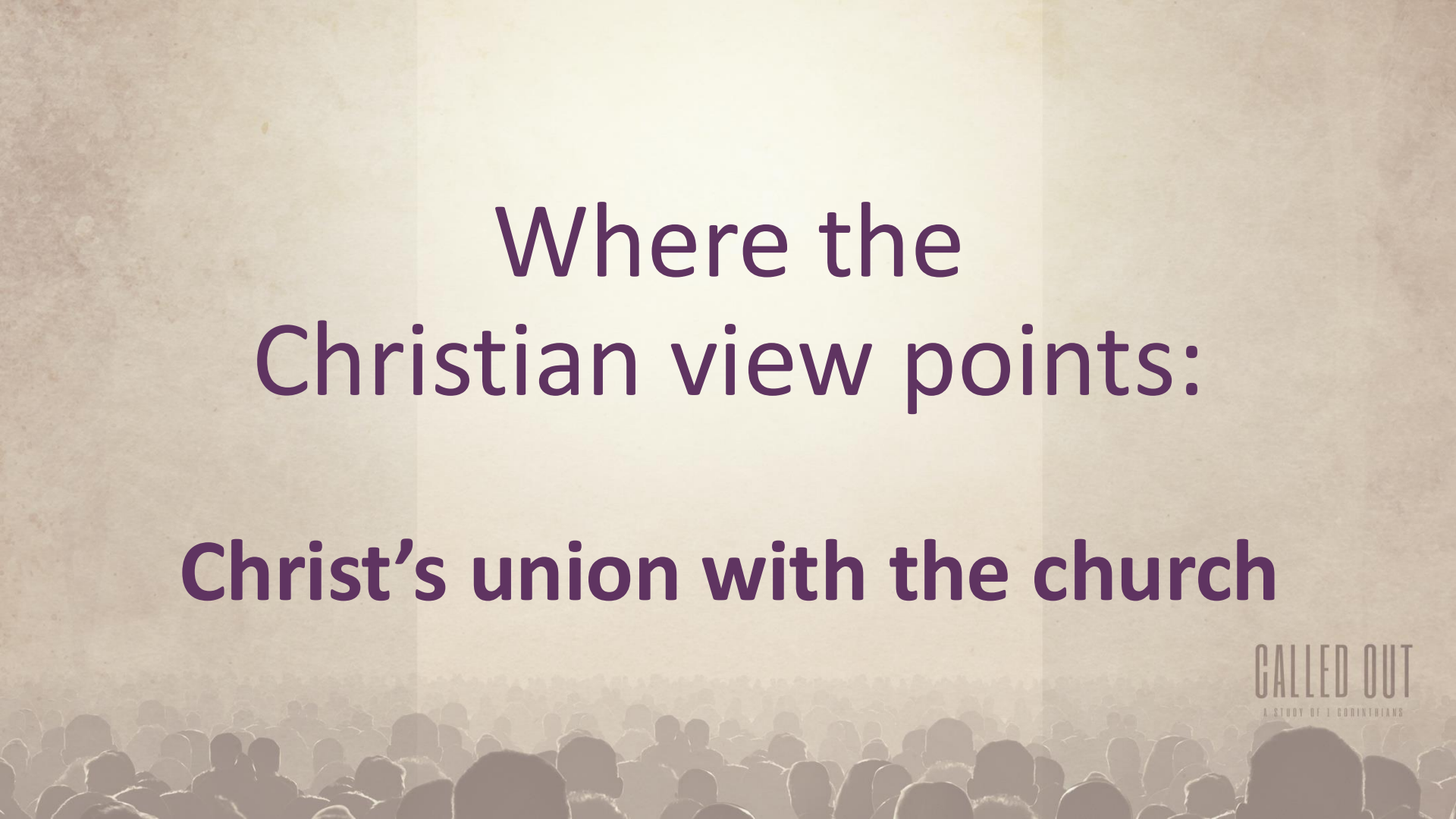
The high Christian view of sex:  
**display of total life union**

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Where the  
Christian view points:  
Christ's union with the church



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