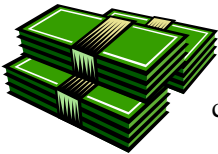




## *Flee Fornication!*



Fornication is a counterfeit of marriage. When a teller is being trained at a bank, they are taught to be able to spot counterfeit bills. The way they are taught to identify a counterfeit from real money, is by studying the real money, not the counterfeit, so they can plainly see the difference right away if someone comes to their window and tries to pass off a counterfeit bill.



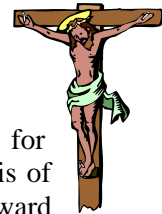
Fornication is like a counterfeit bill, because if we have not been taught the value of real marriage, we won't recognize the cheapness of fornication, and refuse to accept it and let it cheat us out of a godly marriage.

1 Corinthians 6:18 says, "Flee fornication. Any other sin which a person commits is one that is outside of the body, but the person who commits fornication sins against their own body (the same body that is the temple of the Holy Spirit)."

Flee means – Run, don't walk to the nearest exit!! Nothing and no one is worth sinning against God, wounding the Holy Spirit in you, and defiling your own body.

If you're reading this, you have probably already flown, if you were living with someone outside of marriage, and not everyone who reads this has been in a sexual relationship outside of marriage, but it's very important to know and understand what fornication really is so you won't ever be tempted into giving yourself away to someone as if you had no value – to satisfy the temporary selfish desire of a man who does not respect you enough to marry you, and does not respect God enough to wait until marriage to have sex with you.

Don't give yourself away – you are too valuable – too high a price was paid for you by Jesus, who bought your life for you, by giving up His. "*You were bought for a price – bought and paid for and made His own. So then honor God and bring glory to Him in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*" (1 Corinthians 6:20)



The word "fornication" in the Greek is "porneia" from the same root word for "pornography" and having the same meaning. Marriage is of God, and fornication is of the devil. Everyone knows that when you love someone there is a strong pull toward having sex, but that doesn't mean you can't resist that temptation and set your own boundaries for purity.

The devil will encourage your thoughts toward giving in to your sexual desire. He wants to pervert marriage just like he wants to pervert everything God made that was holy. Marriage is one of the most holy things because it is the way God planned for children to be created.

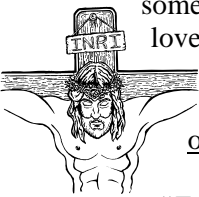
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That's why the Bible says in James 4:7, "Submit yourselves to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you." In another modern translation it says it this way, "Let God work His will in you. Yell a loud "No!" to the devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet 'yes' to God and He will be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master, it's the only way you'll get on your feet."

Webster's dictionary defines fornication as voluntary sexual intercourse between two unmarried people. If one or both of them are married to someone else, it is called adultery.

You may be reading this and be thinking "I have never done that and I never would" – or someone else may be thinking, "I don't like talking about this – it makes me feel bad." For the first lady, it is very important that you understand the spiritual magnitude of sex outside of marriage so that you can help your children to walk in sexual purity through the avalanche of pornography and sexual perversion that they face in movies, TV, books, billboards, the school playground, everywhere. They need your Christian guidance.

And to the second lady who may be feeling bad or guilty because she has given herself to someone because she was searching for a love she had never had, and she took the love that was offered without knowing it had anything to do with God, don't feel bad – God understands broken hearts that seek love in the wrong places. He has made a way through the blood of Jesus that your sins are forgiven – any and all of them!

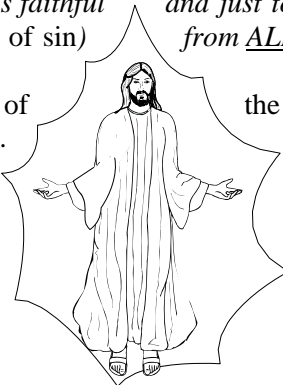


"For this is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

"The Father has delivered us from the control of darkness, and has transferred us into the kingdom of His dear Son, in whom we have our redemption through His blood, (which means) the forgiveness of our sins." (Colossians 1:13,14)

"If we confess (admit) our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us (purify from the effects and guilt of sin) from ALL sin." Hallelujah! (1 John 1:9)

We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We were born with a sin nature. again. Born from above. And the cross, and rose again – so we God, pure, holy, and without sin All we have to do is admit we have the forgiveness that Jesus paid such forever in the family of God.



the glory of God in one way or another. That's why we had to be born that's why Jesus was born, died on could always be in the presence of forever and ever. Jesus did it all. sinned when we do, and accept a high price for – so we can live



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They sin against their own body and defile it.

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So you won't ever be tempted into it.

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Because Jesus bought my life for Himself, by giving up His life.

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By setting my own boundaries for purity.

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To pervert the holiness of marriage.

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Yell a loud 'No!'

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Confess your sin to God.

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