

Life Church Handout for September 15, 2013

The Gospel - Accept No Substitutes (Part 16)

- **Read the Passage: Galatians 5:16-26**
- **Main Idea**
 - Live by the Spirit so that you avoid the sinful behavior that comes from self-direction.
- **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**
 - Listen to the Holy Spirit.
 - Understand the works of the flesh and how to avoid them.
- **Listen to the Holy Spirit.**
 - Read the Word so the Holy Spirit will have something to work with.
 - Pray
 - Listen - Develop a lifestyle of listening.
 - God rewards those who diligently seek him. - Hebrews 11:1-6
- **Understand the works of the flesh and how to avoid them.**
 - sexual immorality (πορνεία - Gk),
 - "Fornication"; to engage in sexual immorality of any kind, often with the implication of prostitution — 'to engage in illicit sex, to commit fornication, sexual immorality, fornication, prostitution.'
 - Leviticus 18, 20 (Consider Matthew 5:27-30)
 - Matthew 5:32 (Matthew 5:31-32)
 - Matthew 15:19 (Matthew 15:1-20)
 - Matthew 19:9 (Matthew 19:1-12)
 - Acts 15:20 (Acts 15:1-35)
 - homosexuality - a special case of sexual immorality (πορνεία - Gk),
 - Video - pastor politician gay marriage (approx 4:20)
 - referenced slavery scriptures: Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-25
 - omitted slavery scriptures: 1Corinthians 7:17-24; 1Timothy 1:8-11
 - Video - West Wing (Jed Bartlett vs. Dr. Jacobs - approx 4 min)
 - Jesus spoke about sexual immorality: Matthew 5:32; 15:19; 19:19
 - Sexual immorality is defined by Leviticus 18, 20
 - Jesus is the authoritative interpreter of the O.T. - Matthew 5 - 7
 - Jesus prohibits the O.T. penalty for sexual immorality - John 8:1-11
 - Paul on Homosexuality - Romans 1; 1Corinthians 6:9; 1Timothy 1:10
 - Deeper issue: Don't be mastered by anything - 1Corinthians 6:9-20
 - Deepest issue: The Gospel - Romans 1:16-17
 - impurity (ἀκαθαρσία - Gk)
 - "Uncleanness" ; any substance which is filthy or dirty — 'filth, dirt, rubbish.'
 - The state of moral impurity, especially in relationship to sexual sin — 'impurity, immorality, filthiness.'
 - Matthew 23:27 (Matthew 23:27-28)
 - Romans 1:24 (Romans 1:18-32)
 - Ephesians 5:3 (Ephesians 4:17 - 5:21)

- debauchery (ἀσέλγεια - Gk)
 “License,” mostly physical, figuratively spiritual. “Debauchery” or “licentiousness” is the sense in 2 Pet. 2:7 (Sodom and Gomorrah) and Eph. 4:19 (the pagan world). Sexual excess is probably meant in Gal. 5:19 and certainly so in Rom. 13:13; 2 Cor. 12:21; 2 Pet. 2:2, 18. [O. BAUERNFEIND, I, 490]
- 2Peter 2:7 (2Peter 2)
- **Group Activities / Questions**
 - How has homosexuality and our society's changing attitude towards it affected you, your family, and your friends?

The Big 5 Questions (from “Love Is An Orientation” by Andrew Marin pp. 178-185):

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Life Church Mission Statement

Our mission is to teach people:

- to enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt, or shame,
- to follow him together as his family,
- to function together as his body,
- and to work together to expand his kingdom.