

# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# Announcements



- **MOB Website & Resources: [www.ibcmob.net](http://www.ibcmob.net)**
- **Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Service**
- **Dec 1 – Advent Concert: A Star, A Son, A Savior**
- **Dec 12-15 – Christmas Concerts: The Monarch in the Manger**
- **Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Services**

# Please Rise



- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

**A Mighty Fortress**

# Oh Great God of Highest Heaven



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**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel  
hate,  
On earth is not his equal.**

# Oh Great God of Highest Heaven



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**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be  
losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own  
choosing:**

**Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.**

# Oh Great God of Highest Heaven



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**And though this world, with devils filled, should  
threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph  
through us;  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.**

# Oh Great God of Highest Heaven



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**That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them,  
abideth;**

**The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with  
us sideth;**

**Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever**

# Memory Verse



## 1 Cor 7:14 (ESV)

**For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.**



# Our 1 Corinthians Study



## Last Week

- **1 Cor 6:12-20**
- **Memory Verse: 1 Cor 6:9-10**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 104-114; *MacArthur*, pp. 135-144**
- **Refreshment Host: Group D**

## Tonight

- **1 Cor 7:1-16**
- **Memory Verse: 1 Cor 7:4**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 124-137; *MacArthur*, pp. 153-158**
- **Refreshment Host: Group C**

# 1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1				4:21				5:1				6:20				7:1				16:4																			
<b>Divisions</b>	Report of Divisions				Reason for Divisions				Incest				Litigation Between Believers				Sexual Immorality				Counsel Concerning: Marriage				Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols				Counsel Concerning: Public Worship				Counsel Concerning: Resurrection				Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem			
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24																				
<b>Topics</b>	Divisions in the Church								Disorder in the Church								Difficulties in the Church																							
	Concern								Condemnation								Counsel																							
<b>Place</b>	Written in Ephesus																																							
<b>Time</b>	circa A.D. 56																																							



You are Here!

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# What is your identity?

# 1 Corinthians 7:1-16 (ESV)



- **To Marry or Not to Marry (7:1-7)**
  - Celibacy is Good (7:1)
  - Celibacy is Tempting (7:2)
  - Celibacy is Wrong for Married Persons (7:3-5)
  - Celibacy is a Gift (7:6-7)
- **Divine Guidelines for Marriage (7:8-16)**
  - Guidelines for Single Christians (7:8-9)
  - Guidelines for Christians Married to Other Christians (7:10-11)
  - Guidelines for Christians Married to Unbelievers –Who Want to Stay Married (7:12-14)
  - Guidelines for Christians Married to Unbelievers Who Want to Leave (7:15-16)

# 1 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV)



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

- Question?
- **Four Types of Marriage Under Roman Law:**
  - Contubernium – Slave Marriage
  - Usus – Common Law Marriage
  - Coemptio in Manum – Sale of a Daughter Into Marriage
  - Confarreatio – Traditional Marriage
- Divorce Was Common
- Is Sex “Unspiritual?” Is Singleness Better?
- Should Sex be Forsaken?
- Touch = Sexual Relations
- Singleness? Celibacy?

# 1 Corinthians 7:2 (ESV)



**<sup>2</sup> But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.**

- **Not All Corinthians were Immoral.**
- **Given That in Ancient Rome Sexual License was Freely Practiced.**
- **But, Marriage is Not Just a Sexual Release.**
- **What Is Biblical Marriage For?**
  - Procreation
  - Pleasure
  - Partnership
  - Picture of the Church
  - Purity

John F. MacArthur Jr., , MacArthur New Testament Commentary (Chicago: Moody Press, 1984)

# 1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (ESV)



**<sup>3</sup>The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup>For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. <sup>5</sup>Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.**

- **Celibacy Is Wrong For Those Who Are Married.**
- **Some Corinthians Were Practicing Celibacy When Married.**
- **But, Married Believers Are Not to Sexually Deprive Their Spouses.**
- **The Husband Is To Fulfill His Duty to His Wife and Likewise the Wife to Her Husband.**
- **The Body – The Wife Does Not Have Authority Over Her Own Body.**
- **The Body – The Husband Does Not Have Authority Over His Own body.**
- **Marriage Is Permanent.**
- **Sexual Fasting Only With Mutual Consent.**
- **Let Satan Not Tempt You.**

# 1 Corinthians 7:6-7 (ESV)



**<sup>6</sup>Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. <sup>7</sup>I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.**

- **Concession – “To Think The Same Thing.”**
- **Spirituality Is Not Determined by Marital Status.**
- **Celibacy is a Gift From God.**
- **But, It Is Not Required By God.**
- **Each Man (or Woman) Has Their Own Gift From God.**

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# 1 Corinthians 7:8-9 (ESV)



**<sup>8</sup>To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.**

**<sup>9</sup>But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.**

- **Unmarried and Widows – Two Categories**
  - **Unmarried Means a Divorced Woman**
  - **Was Paul Previously Married?**
  - **Likely a Widower.**
  - **Anna’s Story – Luke 2:21-38**
- **But, It Is Better to Marry Than Burn With Passion.**
- **Thoughts:**
  - **Don’t Simply Seek to Marry.**
  - **Seek a Godly Person You Can Love.**
  - **Find the Right Person.**
  - **Focus on That Person.**
  - **Resist Temptation.**

# 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (ESV)



**<sup>10</sup>To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband <sup>11</sup>(but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.**

- **No Distinction Is Made of What Type of Marriage.**
- **The Teaching of Jesus.**
- **We Don't Know Why They Divorced.**
  - **Live a Holier Life?**
  - **Someone More Desirable?**
  - **Unfulfilled?**
- **A Christian Doesn't Divorce Except for Adultery.**

# 1 Corinthians 7:12-14 (ESV)



**<sup>12</sup>To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup>If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. <sup>14</sup>For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.**

- **Your Bodies Are Members of Christ and Temples of the Holy Spirit.**
- **If Married to an Unbeliever Don't Worry That You or the Children Will Be Defiled.**
- **But, The Unbeliever Will Be Sanctified by the Believer.**
- **The Sanctification Is Not Salvific For the Unbeliever But Sets the Home Apart.**
- **The Presence of One Believing Parent Covers the Household.**

# 1 Corinthians 7:15-16 (ESV)



**<sup>15</sup>But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.**

**<sup>16</sup>For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?**

- **If the Unbelieving one Leaves, Let Them Go.**
  - The Word ‘Leaves/Separate’ is *Chorizo* and refers to Divorce.
  - The Believer is not under Bondage
- **Dissolution of the Marriage Through:**
  - Death (Romans 7:2)
  - Adultery (Matthew 19:9).
  - Unbelievers Leaving (Desertion).

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# What is Your Identity?

# Discussion & Application

Lowell's Questions  
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- **What does Paul mean by stating that, "It is good for a man not to touch a woman"?**
- **What's your understanding of Paul's marital status, and overall view of the marriage bond as he writes this passage?**
- **What does this passage say about the "equality," or "mutuality," between a husband and his wife, and how did this compare and contrast with the thinking, and practice, of that day in the Corinthian culture?**
- **How did some of the Corinthian believers apparently "overreact" to the immorality that was occurring in Corinth?**
- **Why does Paul instruct husbands and wives not deprive each of other of their "sexual duties" to one another"?**

# Discussion & Application

Lowell's Questions  
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- **When, and under what conditions, does Paul say it's appropriate for a husband and wife to abstain from sexual activity?**
- **What did Paul consider to be the advantages of remaining single, and why did he call celibacy "a gift"?**
- **Under what circumstances did Paul believe it was good for a single man (or woman) to get married?**
- **What instructions does Paul give concerning divorce, and particularly if one or the other is an unbeliever?**
- **What did Christ teach about marriage and divorce?**
- **How should a believing husband or wife respond to his or her unbelieving spouse's desire to leave the marriage?**
- **What's your understanding of a believer's "right" to remarry??**

# Next Meeting 10/1



## Review

- 1 Cor 7:1-16
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 7:4
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 124-137; *MacArthur*, pp. 153-158

## Next Week – 3 December

- 1 Cor 7:17-24
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 7:22
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 137-141; *MacArthur*, pp. 169-175
- Refreshment Host: Group E



# Closing



- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

