

FAMILY, MARRIAGE, SEX AND THE GOSPEL NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT BUT BIBLICALLY SOUND

- **The Questions Before Us**

1. What does the Bible say about family?
2. What does the Bible say about marriage?
3. What does the Bible say about sex and sexuality?
4. How do all of these relate to the gospel?
5. How do all of these relate to the Great Commission?

- **The Challenges Around Us ...**

- **In the Culture ...**

- [?] Rampant _____ Immorality
- Continually Skyrocketing _____
- [?] Degradation of _____
- [?] Confusion of Gender
- [?] Destructive _____
- "_____ ...

Worldwide revenues for the pornography industry in 2006 were at least \$97 billion, with revenues in the United States fourth highest among all countries at \$13.3 billion. Previous numbers put the worldwide revenues for pornography at \$57 billion for the year 2003.

Pornography revenues in China were the highest for 2006 at \$27.4 billion with South Korea at \$25.7 billion and Japan at \$20 billion.

Every second \$3,075.64 is spent on pornography; 28,258 Internet users view pornography; and 372 Internet users type adult search terms into search engines.

- _____ ...

At this given moment, there are 40 million prostitutes at work. Such prostitution is legal, and regulated, within 22 countries (including Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Mexico, Australia, and Colombia).

Studies estimate that 1 out of every 10 men in the world have purchased a prostitute. The rate in China is 1 out of every 4 men.

There are an estimated 27 million adults and 13 million children around the world who are victims of human trafficking.

Approximately 75-80% of this trafficking is for sex.

Sex trafficking is a \$58 billion industry worldwide.

- Deadly _____ Industries
- _____ occur every year in the world.
- _____ occur every day.

"If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proven, and to be steady on all the battle fronts besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point." Martin Luther

- **In the Church ...**
- ☒ Virtual _____ to the Culture

“We must ask where we as evangelicals have been in the battle for truth and morality in our culture. Have we as evangelicals been on the front lines contending for the faith and confronting the moral breakdown over the last forty to sixty years? Most of the evangelical world has not been active in the battle, or even been able to see that we are in a battle The last sixty years have given birth to a moral disaster, and what have we done? Sadly we must say that the evangelical world has been part of the disaster. More than this, the evangelical response itself has been a disaster. Where is the clear voice speaking to the crucial issues of the day with distinctively biblical, Christian answers? With tears we must say it is not there and that a large segment of the evangelical world has become seduced by the world spirit of this present age. And more than this, we can expect the future to be a further disaster if the evangelical world does not take a stand for biblical truth and morality in the full spectrum of life.” Francis Schaeffer

- Practical _____ of the World

“If we look at many of our evangelical leaders and at much of our evangelical literature we find the same destructive views on divorce, extreme feminism, and even homosexuality as we find in the world Evangelicalism is deeply infiltrated with the world spirit of our age when it comes to marriage and sexual morality There are those who call themselves evangelicals and who are among evangelical leadership who completely deny the biblical pattern for male and female relationships in the home and church. There are many who accept the idea of equality without distinction and deliberately set aside what the Scriptures teach at this point. And there are others who call themselves evangelical and then affirm the acceptability of homosexuality and even the idea of homosexual ‘marriage.’ ... The idea of absolute, autonomous freedom from God’s boundaries flows into the idea of equality without distinction, which flows into the denial of what it truly means to be male and female, which flows into abortion and homosexuality, and the destruction of the home and the family, and ultimately the destruction of our culture.” Francis Schaeffer

- ☒☒ Immoral Conduct among _____

Out of over 1,000 pastors anonymously surveyed ...38% said they were divorced or currently in a divorce process. 30% said they had either been in an ongoing affair or a one-time sexual encounter with a church member/attender. According to Barna and Focus on the Family Research ...yy As many as 50% of pastors’ marriages will end in divorce. Almost 40% of pastors admit that they have had an extra-marital affair since beginning their ministry.

- ☒☒ Theological Battles among _____

“The deepest divisions separating evangelicals in America these days are not differences over worship, or music, or church government, or free will, or divine sovereignty, or gifts of the Holy Spirit. The deepest, most controversial matters dividing evangelicals in America these days are differences over sex.” Daniel Heimbach

- Anglicans _____ Anglicans

The Ten Commandments are based on “nothing less than the tribal prejudices, stereotypes, and limited knowledge of the people who created them.” Biblical sexual standards “need to be exposed immediately as immoral and ... removed from the ethical guidelines that any of us today would seek to follow.” Retired Bishop John Shelby Spong

- Methodists _____ Methodists
- Baptists _____ Baptists
- Lutherans in _____
- Presbyterians _____
- Catholics _____

- _____to Scripture

“The feminist movement in Western culture is engaged in the slow execution of Christ and Yahweh. Yet very few of the women and men now working ... [to change sexual morality] within Christianity and Judaism realize the extent of their heresy They understand themselves to be improving the practice of their religions I do not agree The reforms that Christian and Jewish women are proposing are major departures from tradition. When feminists succeed in changing the position of women in Christianity and Judaism they will shake these religions to their roots.”

Naomi Goldenberg

- Replacing _____ with ourselves.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. Jeremiah 2:12-13

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

- In the _____
- Struggling _____
- Single _____
- Hurting _____
- _____ Confusion
- _____ of Responsibility
- _____ of Authority

ABORTION

- **The Gospel and Abortion**

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments ... Psalm 78:5-7

- **In the United States ...**
- Over _____ abortions have occurred since 1973.
- 1.4 million abortions occur _____; 3,000 abortions occur _____; an abortion occurs _____.
- _____ of American women have an abortion at some point in their lives.
- **In the world ...**
- 46 million abortions occur _____; _____ abortions occur every day.
- A woman has an abortion almost _____.

- **Abortion and God**

- *For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. Psalm 139:13-16*

- Abortion is an affront to God's sovereign _____ as Creator.
- *Isaiah 40:28*
- ☒☒ He is the _____ of life.
- *Job 33:4*
- *Job 12:9-10*
- ☒☒ He is the _____ of life.
- *Job 1:21*
- *Deuteronomy 32:39*
- Abortion is an assault on God's glorious work in _____.
- ☒☒ The way God creates people _____.
Psalm 104:27-34
- The womb contains a _____ in the image of God.
- *Genesis 1:26-28*
- If the unborn is not human, no justification for abortion is _____.
- If the unborn is human, no justification for abortion is _____.
- Abortion is _____.
- *"Think of a little girl named Rachel. Rachel is two months old, but she is still six weeks away from being a full-term baby. She was born prematurely at 24 weeks, in the middle of her mother's second trimester. On the day of her birth Rachel weighed one pound, nine ounces, but dropped to just under a pound soon after. She was so small she could rest in the palm of her daddy's hand. She was a tiny, living, human person. Heroic measures were taken to save this child's life. Why? Because we have an obligation to protect, nurture, and care for other humans who would die without our help—especially little children. Rachel was a vulnerable and valuable human being. But get this ... If a doctor came into the hospital room and, instead of caring for Rachel, took the life of this little girl as she lay quietly nursing at her mother's breast, it would be homicide. However, if this same little girl—the very same Rachel—was inches away resting inside her mother's womb, she could be legally killed by abortion." Gregory Koukl*
- Though the unborn is visibly hidden from man, he/she is never _____.
- *Your hands fashioned and made me, and now you have destroyed me altogether. Remember that you have made me like clay; and will you return me to the dust. Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit. Yet these things you hid in your heart; I know that this was your purpose. Job 10:8-13*
- All of God's works are _____.
- Even (or especially) in the case of _____.
- *As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him." John 9:1-3*
- Even (or especially) in the midst of _____.
- *"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." Genesis 50:20*

- *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30*
- What about _____?
- *“Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.” Deuteronomy 24:16*
- What about _____?
- *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram ...Matthew 1:1-3*
- The message of the gospel: God takes _____ and turns it into _____.
- *“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.” Acts 2:22-24*
- Abortion is an attack on God’s _____ relationship with the unborn.
- ☒☒ He _____ them.
- *“Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?” Job 31:15*
- ☒☒ He _____ them.
- *“When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.” Exodus 21:22-25*
- He _____ them.
- *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5*
- He _____ to them.
- *Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God. Psalm 22:9-10*
- ☒☒ He _____ them. *But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace ... Galatians 1:15*
- ☒☒ He _____ them.
- *Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. Isaiah 49:1*
- ☒☒ He _____ them.
- *“ ... for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” Luke 1:15*
- *“For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” Luke 1:44*

- God is the _____ of sin.
- *“Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” Genesis 18:25*
- *He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. Romans 2:6-8*
- [?] _____ who have aborted babies.
- _____ who have encouraged abortion.
- [?] _____ who have supported abortion.
- [?] _____ who have performed abortion.
- [?] _____ who have permitted abortion.

• **Abortion and the Gospel**

- *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Romans 13:1-4*
- Government is given by God for the _____.
- Government is given by God for the _____.
- Christians who have _____ about abortion.
- *“To endorse or even to be neutral about killing innocent children created in God’s image is unthinkable in the Scriptures, was unthinkable to Christians in church history, and should be unthinkable to Christians today.”Randy Alcorn*
- God is the _____ of sinners.
- *For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:3-7*
- [?] He _____ entirely.
- *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:11-12*
- *“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” Isaiah 43:25*
- *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*
- [?] He _____ deeply .
- *“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Luke 7:47-50*

- ☐☐ He _____ completely.
- *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1*
- ☐☐ He _____ fully .
- *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

- **Abortion and the Church**

- *Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Ephesians 5:7-11*
- _____ around ...
- ☐☐ Learn the facts about abortion.
- ☐☐ See the pictures of abortion.
- ☐☐ Listen to the victims of abortion.
- _____ forward ...
- ☐☐ Share your burdens from the past with brothers and/or sisters.
- ☐☐ Share your struggles in the present with brothers and/or sisters.
- _____ up ...
- ☐☐ Before God.
- ☐☐ Before the government.
- _____ out ...
- ☐☐ Through giving to pro-life causes and ministries.
- ☐☐ Through serving unwed and under-age mothers.
- ☐☐ Through volunteering at pregnancy centers.
- ☐☐ Through supporting abortion alternatives.
- ☐☐ Through adopting unwanted children.

- **The Gospel and Homosexuality**

- *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish,*

faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. Romans 1:18-32

- **Homosexuality and the World ...**

- Homosexuality is _____.
- ☒☒ "I was born homosexual."
- ☒☒ "God made me this way."
- ☒☒ "Homosexual orientation is one of God's gifts in my life."
- Homosexuality is _____
- ☒☒ "My homosexual orientation cannot be changed."
- ☒☒ "This is just the way I am."
- Homosexuality is _____
- ☒☒ "My partner and I love each other in an exclusive relationship. How can that be wrong?"
- Homosexuality is _____.
- ☒☒ "Jesus did not say anything against homosexuality."
- ☒☒ "I'm a Christian and I'm gay. How can that be if homosexuality is wrong?"
- ☒☒ "I attend a gay church where the presence of God is evident. How can that be if homosexuality is wrong?"
- Homosexuality is _____.
- ☒☒ "Passages in Scripture which deal with homosexuality have been misinterpreted."
- ☒☒ "The Bible doesn't condemn homosexuality."

- **Homosexuality and the Word**

- Sin disorders our _____.
- ☒☒ We have exchanged God's pattern for our _____.
- *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Proverbs 14:12*
- ☒☒ We have exchanged God's praise for our _____.
- *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 1 Peter 2:11*
- „ We are born with a heart of _____.
- *And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done." Genesis 8:21*
- *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5*
- „We are bent toward _____.
- *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you." 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8*

- Sin disorders our _____.
- *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:5-8*
- We have exchanged _____ for _____.
- *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:31-36*
- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*
- We have exchanged the Word of God for the _____ of man.
- *But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door. Genesis 19:4-11*
- *... just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. Jude 7*
- *"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination." Leviticus 18:22*
- *"If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them." Leviticus 20:13*
- *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*
- Homosexual advocacy must maintain that ...
- The Bible is _____.
- *"Not to recognize, critique, and condemn Paul's equation of godlessness with homosexuality is dangerous. To remain within our respective Christian traditions and not challenge those passages that degrade and destroy us is to contribute to our own oppression Those passages will be brought up and used against us again and again until Christians demand their removal from the biblical canon or, at the very least, formally discredit their authority to prescribe behavior." Gary David Comstock Protestant Chaplain, Wesleyan University*
- The Bible is _____.
- *"The scriptural texts in the Old and New testaments condemning homosexual practice are neither inspired by God nor [are they] of enduring Christian value." William M. Kent, United Methodist Committee to Study Homosexuality*

- The Bible is _____.
- *“I think it important to state clearly that we do, in fact, reject the straightforward commands of Scripture, and appeal instead to another authority when we declare that same-sex unions can be holy and good. And what exactly is that authority? We appeal explicitly to the weight of our own experience and the experience thousands of others have witnessed to, which tells us that to claim our own sexual orientation is in fact to accept the way in which God has created us. By so doing, we explicitly reject as well the premises of the scriptural statements condemning homosexuality—namely, that it is a vice freely chosen, a symptom of human corruption, and disobedience to God’s created order.”* Luke Timothy Johnson Professor of New Testament, Candler School of Theology at Emory University
- Sin disorders our _____.
- *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.* Galatians 5:16-21
- We have exchanged sexual responsibility for supposed _____.
- *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.* Romans 6:1-4
- We have exchanged what Scripture says about our desires for what _____ says about our desires. Improper sexual desire is _____, not inevitable.
- *But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.* Ephesians 5:3-5
- Sin disorders our _____.
- *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.* Colossians 3:5-10
- We have exchanged _____ obligations for _____ explanations.
- *He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.* Romans 2:6-11
- Causation does not imply _____. „We do not always choose our temptations, but we always choose our _____.
- *The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be*

• **So What Shall We Do?**

- Let's listen to God's _____.
- *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. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4*
- The Word is our only source of _____.
- A preacher/teacher/leader's authority is NOT _____.
- A preacher/ teacher/leader's authority is NOT _____.
- A preacher/ teacher/leader's authority is NOT _____.
- A preacher /teacher/leader's authority is NOT _____.
- The Word is our ultimate source of _____.
- We are accountable before God to _____ the Word.
Isaiah 66:1-5 and Romans 10:17
- We are accountable before God to _____ the Word.
- *You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:1-2*
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