

Sermon Guide
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Sunday:

9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - AM Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 PM - Bible Study



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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

Daily Bible Reading: 7/20 Proverbs 20-22, 7/21 Proverbs 23-24, 7/22 Proverbs 25-28, 7/23 Proverbs 29-31, 7/24 Ecc. 1-4, 7/25 Ecc. 5-8, 7/26 Ecc. 9-12

A Chaste Life
By: Aaron Cozort

Webster’s 1828 dictionary defines the word chaste as:

1. Pure from all unlawful commerce of sexes. Applied to persons before marriage, it signifies pure from all sexual commerce, undefiled; applied to married persons, true to the marriage bed.

2. Free from obscenity.

While they behold your chaste conversation. 1 Peter 3:2.

3. In language, pure, uncorrupt, free from barbarous words and phrases, and quaint, affected, extravagant expressions.

The primary use of the term in English indicates purity in sexual matters. Paul writes to the Corinthians and uses the sexual purity concept in an analogy concerning the congregation as a Body of Christ.

Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1-3)

As the bride of Christ, the Church is to be pure and chaste, but it can only be such if its members that make up that body are chaste. The analogy in this passage speaks of the Corinthians assembly as a betrothed (engaged) woman. She has been promised to her spouse and is awaiting that marriage date. How then can she be seeking after other "men?" Notice also the description of her as a virgin. She has not been promiscuous or in a prior relationship with another man, so why is she now (as a betrothed woman) going after someone other than her husband-to-be?

In sexual matters, the standard for young people is visible here. The picture God uses of the Church is the representation of what God wants for us as individuals.

God expects virginity from young people, not safe sex. God expects virginity from non-married Christians, not “free from disease.” The world and our culture plan, anticipate and promote premarital sexual relations. God hates it. It is sinful, wrong, a blight on our society, destructive to the home, and the persons involved.

But “virgin” is not the only word in 2 Corinthians 11:2, but “chaste virgin.” God expects his betrothed to (1) be a virgin, but also (2) be a chaste (pure, clear, clean) individual. The actions of a Christian are those that should be without opportunity for an accusation. We are not to be sexually impure, nor are we to live a provocative or sensual living either. Like the Church that was drifting toward spiritual sin, so is the Christian living a life filled with sensuality, flirtation, immodesty, dancing, and other lascivious actions. These have no place in the life of a chaste Christian—neither male nor female.

It is time for Christians in America to wake up and stop living, dressing, and talking, like the world, and raise their standards out of the gutter, off of the street, and up into purity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY at 9:30 AM AND AM WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30
WILL ALSO BE LIVE-STREAMED TODAY.
www.colliervillecoc.org and https://www.facebook.com/colliervillecoc
OR
FOR CONNECTING BY PHONE STEP 1 – CALL 312-626-6799
STEP 2 – ENTER THE MEETING ID: 314-922-691##

JULY NATIONWIDE GOSPEL MEETING CALL – See flyers on the foyer table.
FOREST HILL LADIES DAY-Saturday, Sept 26- with Berta Kennedy - Recipe: “Sisters in Service”
PCH PANTRY ITEM for July is toilet paper.
Kevin Blaylock from PCH will be here August 30 to pick up our filled “Silver for Children” cans.
OUR SICK:
Joan Springer – migraines
Pam Chafin- back pain
Janie Marlin- sinus infection
Sylvia Pass- back pain MRI 7/24
Doug Mooring, Paula’s uncle – Leukemia- is now in hospice care at home
Rhonda Max, Kim’s friend – recovering from COVID.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

Homebound/Assisted Living	Those Battling Cancer	Physical Problems
James Luna Celeste Moore Brenda Bruce	Natalie Temple Doug Mooring / Roger Davis Wayne Vaughan/ Leroy Fisher Mary Jo Todaro / Lynn Guillot Vester Williamson Janell Grizzard, Tom Allen	Rudell & Dorothy Wilson, Tori Hinesley, Kay Fisher, Ron Flanagan, Sandy Trammel, Janell Grizzard, Don Robertson, Keith Cozort, Taylor Kubula, Amber Hinson Julie Lillie, Jerry Robertson, Joan Springer, Sylvia Pass, Tina Lance, Paul Montgomery Russell & Tracy Kline, Jay Jones, Taylor Hodges
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday AM Worship	Wednesday Night
Song Leader: Michael Dale Opening Prayer: J. Shaffar Closing Prayer: Eric Halverson	Song Leader: Murry Springer Devo: Michael Dale Closing Prayer: Terry Whitley