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1 February 2024 at 10:29:57 am
Matt. 5:32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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1 February 2024 at 11:07:03 am
Rom. 13:13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

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1 February 2024 at 2:35:54 pm
The New Testament of Grace also prohibits sexual immorality (fornication) and even goes further by also prohibiting living sexually immoral activities such as wild parties, and entertaining 'sensualities'.

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1 February 2024 at 2:47:24 pm
1Cor. 5:1 ¶ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's

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Even the world intuitively knows that not all sexual activity is morally neutral. Non-Christians still generally regard such things as rape, sexual violence, pedophilia. Expressions such as "living in sin" are still used by non-Christians to describe sinful sexual behaviour. When a professing Christian commits sexual immorality, it injures the reputation of the entire local church adding to the perception that Christians are hypocrites.

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1Cor. 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own

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Christians should flee from it - that is, don't even put yourself in a place where they would be susceptible to its temptation.

We have already introduced the Greek word *porneia* (pg. 31) which is translated into English as *sexual immorality* or *fornication*. In **37** **Matthew 5:32** Jesus distinguished *fornication* from *adultery*. In the introduction to this study series, we saw that the sin of fornication was sexual activity without being married to the other person. The sin of *adultery* on the other hand is the sin of a husband or wife having sex with a person other than their spouse.

1. If you met a Christian who claimed that they were "saved by grace" and therefore not under the Bible's *laws* (against fornication), how might **38** **Romans 13:13** confront this person's concept of Christian morality?

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40 2. According to **First Corinthians 5:1**, what kind of damage does a sexually immoral Christian do the witness of a local church?

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42 3. What should be the attitude of a Christian to the idea of "free love" (fornication) according to **First Corinthians 6:18**? (NB. 1Cor. 6:13)

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If anyone is considering accepting the lie that "try before you buy" applies trying sex with someone before marrying them, consider this advice: A Catholic priest, who was preparing a couple for marriage, had a word of caution and wisdom for the young groom-to-be in relation to his potential conduct with his fiancé. "If you have sex with her before you are married" the priest told him, "you are teaching her that it's quite alright to have sex with a man she's not married to!"

Amen.