

## 1 Class 29

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2 This is a difficult topic to discuss and many times it requires the words of professional teachers and communicators. That being the case I am going to read to you from the introduction in this book on the chapter Respecting Sexuality because I believe it is so well written and express thoughts and ideas on sexuality far better than I might be able to express.

## Respecting Sexuality

Do you remember when you first learned about sex? Were you a bit surprised about the way babies are made? When you were a child, it was probably hard to imagine that anybody would want a baby badly enough to do something that *gross*. Now that you are a bit older and wiser, it may be difficult to imagine that you ever felt that way about sex. You are a sexual being from the moment of conception until your last breath, but adolescence is a time when your changing body makes it difficult to ignore that you are either male or female. As young people enter puberty, sexual feelings become one of the most powerful and wonderful aspects of being human.

Most of the time, when we refer to the word *sex*, we think of our body, even though sexual acts also involve our mind, our emotions, and even our spirituality. The trouble is, many people try to take sex out of the larger picture, making

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the gift much less than it was intended to be. It would be like taking a fine piece of art and using it for scrap paper. It will work, but you destroy the beauty and the real purpose of the masterpiece.

Adding to the problem is that the gift of sex has become a marketing tool to sell products—jeans, perfume, soft drinks, shoes, and cars—even appliances. The message of the media today is that sex is “no big deal.” But both advertisers and the Church know that sex is a very big deal. The difference is that marketing experts have their own best interest in mind. The Church wants what is best for you.

The Church’s teaching on sex and sexuality is like all her moral teachings. It is based on human reason, on the Scriptures, and on Tradition. Although some people think that the Church has nothing positive to say about the topic, the opposite is true. Both the Scriptures and Tradition begin with the basic teaching that sexuality is one of God’s



God created the union of man and woman in marriage to be a holy, life-giving, and lifelong commitment. What do you think it takes for a marriage to last a lifetime?

greatest and most beautiful gifts to us. The Bible even includes an entire book of somewhat erotic love poetry, the Song of Solomon. The sixth (You shall not commit adultery.) and ninth (You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.) commandments simply remind us that the misuse of such a great gift can cause great harm. They cover a lot of ground, but it is sacred ground that helps us to fully appreciate our sexuality as a beautiful gift from God.

Read slide 4.

**5** Made in the Image of God. Read slide 5.

**6** It doesn’t take long for little boys and girls to discover they are different. Read the comedy of slide 6.

**7** God intentionally made a male and a female, mention God showing Adam the animals.

What must it have been like to be there to see the creation of the first man and woman?!

Mention evolution has never been proved.

As we grow we have an awakening as to how men and women are supposed to relate to one another

**8** god intended our sexuality to be united with our heart, our mind and our body. Read slide 8

It feels great to be alive and share it with someone.

We can't remove our sexuality from who we are, any more than removing our brain from our body or our spirit from our mind

Our sexuality shows how we relate to another person. It is a very, very special way saying to someone you are special to me and to my life.

**9** sexual expression is a commitment to another person and that commitment by god's design must never end. Read slide 9.

**10** this expression of our sexuality to another person is only offered with real, permanent love for another and this belongs in a sacramental marriage. Read slide 10.

Why does the Catholic Church make such a big deal of a sexual expression for another be only within a marriage?

**11** Because God made sex for 3 reasons

- ◆ to create new life
- ◆ to express a loving union
- ◆ to bring joy along with pleasure

All 3 of these reasons cannot be separated because of god's design.

God's design is destroyed if only 1 of these aspects are present, we become literally nothing more than animals

Similarly, if we use sex just to procreate, have a baby, and there is no love or joy this is also wrong

There is no joy of a loving relationship for a man with a prostitute nor for the prostitute.

Some people think that if you really love and have pleasure and leave out the procreation aspect that

this is OK but then again they defame god's design by trying to separate all 3 of these aspects of god's design for our expression of our sexuality

**12** In god's eyes it is wrong to avoid having children if the mother and father both want to do nothing but immerse themselves into their jobs and not devote any time to children.

Mention how you have seen this so much in the world today and how the workplace has changed.

No women allowed in the shop at BAC

**13** to have a child outside of marriage causes all kinds of difficulties and heartache down the road

- ◆ Father abandons the child and mother
- ◆ Less attractive to finding a new spouse
- ◆ Financial hardship for a single working mother

This type of misery is always the case when we misuse god's design or break one of his commandments

There is also the very strong possibility of transmitting diseases by having sex outside of marriage

**14** dating is a temporary arrangement where two people are just testing their compatibility.

**15** So too is an engagement a temporary thing, it obviously doesn't last forever.

Neither of these states of being provides the commitment necessary for sex.

This bears repeating..... Neither of these states of being provides the commitment necessary for sex.

To engage in sex during dating or engagement is a mortal sin.

Read the Bible and get God's view on sexual relations between two people outside of marriage.

It is so important he has two commandments for it, not just one;

The reason being is that to disobey one of these commandments brings so much difficulty into the sinner's life.

**16** Christian marriages do provide the commitment necessary for sex.

It is the only relationship that provides for the inclusion of all 3 aspects of our sexuality as designed by god.

## Marriage

Marriage is a sacred covenant between two people and sex is a sign of that covenant

In marriage joy and pleasure with the desire for children is the special state where sex is good, as designed by the lord

Obviously, from what we said any act trying to prevent birth except for natural family planning is against the teaching of the church and god's law

**17** the church and god realize that too many children may be a wrong thing for one reason or another.

So god's design allows for sex within marriage with no possibility of birth because of when a woman is capably of having a child, called her cycle.

There are days within a woman's cycle where she cannot conceive.

**18** any device or pill are not natural means of preventing birth so they are against the teachings of the church and god's law

**19** birth must come from two married individuals and be a result of both sexually expressing their love for one another

**20** also against god's laws and the churches teaching are artificial means of conception such as

test tube babies and techniques that implant a mans seed into the mother with surgical devices

**21** marriage is a serious lifelong commitment since it is a vow before almighty god never to be broken....Jesus said so....what god had made let no man put asunder

This is why the church is against divorce, it harms the parents and the children and other relatives

What if god broke his covenant (his marriage) with humans, he wouldn't be trustworthy.

**22** God is trustworthy and he desires us to reflect him and live according to his way

**23** the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment forbids any violation of the dignity of marriage, which is called Adultery.

Adultery is having sexual relations with someone other than your spouse.

Living with someone before marriage is also wrong because there is no forever commitment to one another which god's design for sexual relations absolutely requires.

**24** this commandment also forbid polygamy, having two or more wives

## Chastity

**25** Sexuality involves the integration of pleasure, love and creating life

**26** integration and integrity come from the same root word meaning whole, like an integer, a whole number in math

**27** A person with integrity is said to be whole and complete, knowing and acting rightly.

Read slide 27.

A person leading someone on to have sex is definitely not a person with integrity

Having this type of sexual integrity, refraining from sexual relations before marriage is called by the church, chastity

Every person whether married or single is called by Christ to be a person who exercises chastity

Many so-called public authorities say there is no reason to be chaste because non-married people will have sex no matter what people say so there should be no public moral prohibition against sex outside of marriage

These people demean society since they do not believe there are people of integrity.

They believe everyone acts like an animal.

This is an insult to god centered Christian people.

The church respects you more than these so-called authorities and has higher hopes and expectations for you

**28** Today we live in a degenerate society, where chastity is not respected but laughed at.

God does not laugh at a chaste person and some day he will deal with the majority of slackers who live as animals

This social pressure today makes it tough on young people to live according to god's laws.

But with prayer and commitment to god's way, the narrow road, you can conquer

**29** This was so important a commandment to god he actually gave two commandments about sexuality, the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment

This commandment concerns a person's inner desires and the spiritual control of these desires and to keep these desires from attacking us, this is called temperance.

Temperance uses our will to overcome our instincts.

**30** when one finds themselves having a sexual thought it is always the proper thing to do to recall the lord's comment.....,

If you love me, keep my commandments.

To call to mind this saying and teaching of Jesus always helps us avoid sin and breaking away from god.

Demons will always attack our minds and thoughts.

having sex outside of marriage is called fornication.

**31** the great majority of young people who have had sex outside of marriage said they wished they had waited until they were married,

Read slide 31

This seems to be becoming popular because between 1999 and 2001 the number of young people having sex outside of marriage dropped below 50%.

It is gratifying and refreshing to know young people of integrity are now a majority

Any arousing physical activity, repeat, any arousing physical activity between two unmarried persons is a sin against the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment and is a mortal sin

The greatest danger today is pornography on the internet.

This is a very, very dangerous situation because it encourages people who view this pornography to fall into deeper sin and greater offenses against god's 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> commandments.

It is a clear indication these individuals do not love or care about their creator god.

**32** Recall Ted Bundy

He viewed pornography with his eyes and when he was executed in the electric chair his eyes melted down his cheeks.

Homosexuality

**33** Homosexuality is a person's attraction to another person of the same sex.

It has always been around but today it has actually become more acceptable in our society.



People are actually proud of it.

Before the current age people were ashamed.

It's no doubt why they were ashamed because they knew they were going against natural law and god's law but today that doesn't seem to matter much.

The very broad road.

The church teaches we must treat these people with respect and kindness but not agree with their stance or approve of their lifestyle

The church teaches they are against natural law because their relationship does not allow for procreation of life within a marriage

Someone with these feeling can be a good Christian if they live a chaste life and pray for healing, IF, IF they refrain from sexual acts with other homosexuals

### Purity of Heart

**34** again, because this is such an important aspect of your lives and such a sensitive aspect of your lives I will read from the book again on the subject of purity of heart for the same reasons I gave as for the introduction to this chapter on Respecting Sexuality

#### Purity of Heart

The list of sexual sins may seem long, and at times impossible to avoid. But practicing sexual integrity and chastity is easier if we develop attitudes that not only form our conscience the right way but also help us to live according to what we know is right. The sixth beatitude, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God," is Jesus' message that fulfills the sixth and ninth commandments. What does it mean to be pure of heart?

OR Alessandro, to imply that we violently attack their attackers death. But Mal defending Christ as an inspiration following Christ feast day as a July 6.

The *Catechism* refers to the heart as the seat of moral personality. Forming our conscience is the work of the head, but our heart "enables us to see *according to God*; . . . [Purity of heart] lets us perceive the human body—ours and our neighbor's—as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty" (CCC, number 2519).

The Temple in Jerusalem, described in the Old Testament, was a magnificent structure, but its most sacred territory was deep within. Only one person, the high priest, could enter the holy of holies—the innermost sacred rooms. Our bodies are magnificent too, but places deep within us are so sacred that they are to be protected in a special way. The virtue of modesty protects our intimate center. We don't tell just anybody our most private secrets; we should not let just anybody see or touch our sacred places. Although modesty does not require dressing in Victorian-era fashions, sexual respect means you should look again at how you dress and how you act sexually. The clothes you wear can send unintended messages, and outfits that leave little to the imagination may reveal more than you want. It is wrong to intentionally try to cause sexual excitement in another person. But respect goes both ways. It is never right to take advantage of someone sexually, regardless of his or her dress or behavior.

The road to sexual respect may seem difficult at times, but it is well worth the effort. Can you imagine a bride or groom wishing that they had sexual partners other than their beloved? The kind of discipline required for sexual abstinence before marriage is good practice for the lifelong commitment that you will make as part of your vocation. Rather than seeing chastity as a burden, consider the freedom that it gives: freedom from worry about pregnancy, disease, and emotional wounds that lead to the scar tissue of vulnerability. Sexual integrity is the freedom to be healthy and whole—according to God's design.

Genesis 19 New International Version (NIV)

**35** Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

**36** The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. <sup>2</sup>“My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.”

“No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.”

<sup>3</sup> But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate. **37** Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. <sup>5</sup> **38** They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

<sup>6</sup> Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him <sup>7</sup> and said, “No, my friends. Don’t do this wicked thing. <sup>8</sup> Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don’t do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.”

<sup>9</sup> “Get out of our way,” they replied. “This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door.

<sup>10</sup> **39** But the angles inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. <sup>11</sup> Then they

struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

<sup>12</sup> The two angles said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, <sup>13</sup> because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it.”

<sup>14</sup> So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry<sup>[a]</sup> his daughters. He said, “Hurry and get out of this place, because the LORD is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

<sup>15</sup> With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.”

<sup>16</sup> **40** When he hesitated, the angles grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. <sup>17</sup> As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! **Don’t look back** (remember this!), and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!”

<sup>18</sup> **41** But Lot said to them, “No, my lords,<sup>[b]</sup> please!

<sup>19</sup> Your<sup>[c]</sup> servant has found favor in your<sup>[d]</sup> eyes, and you<sup>[e]</sup> have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can’t flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I’ll die. <sup>20</sup> Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn’t it? Then my life will be spared.”

<sup>21</sup> He said to him, “Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. <sup>22</sup> But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.” (That is why the town was called Zoar.<sup>[f]</sup>)

<sup>23</sup> By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. <sup>24</sup> **42** Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens. <sup>25</sup> Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. <sup>26</sup> **43** But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

<sup>27</sup> **44** Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD. <sup>28</sup> He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

<sup>29</sup> So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

**45** brimstone **46**

**47** pillars of salt

Romans 1 New International Version (NIV)

### God’s Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

<sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

**48** <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

<sup>26</sup> Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

**49** <sup>28</sup> Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; <sup>31</sup> they have no understanding, no fidelity TO GOD, no love, no mercy. <sup>32</sup> Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things in these homosexual acts deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. **50**

**This man is openly gay and running for president. Those who approve of his lifestyle share the same**



punishment as the gay people themselves because they approve of his life style by voting for him.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 New International Version (NIV)

**9** **51** Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men<sup>[a]</sup> **10** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

This means these guys are not going to Heaven

1 Timothy 1:8-12 New International Version (NIV)

**8** We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. **9** We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, **10** for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine **11** that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

Jude 7 New International Version (NIV)

**52** **7** In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Here is a very important statement.

Those who have these feelings but do not practice this life style out of respect and love for God are God's children and will be accepted into heaven just like the rest of us.

God's sees no sin in them if they realize they have sinful thoughts, ask for forgiveness of these thoughts and do not commit the sinful acts that sinful homosexuals perform.

You are in the minority in this world if you believe what I just said. but remember, there are few on the road to heaven and the road to hell is crowded with people.

These are not my words but the word of Jesus Christ.

In summary let us review the words and directions from God Himself.

**53** read slide 53

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