

UPPER ROOM ADULT BIBLE CLASS

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“Foundational Truth for a Confused World: The Ten Commandments”

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Session Seventeen: The Sixth Commandment – Thou shalt not commit adultery.
As God’s “beloved,” cherish the sacredness of marriage, in word and deed.

(Luther) “We should fear and love God that we may lead a chaste and decent life in word and deed, and each love and honor his/her spouse.”

From Previous Session:

- a. A lifestyle of sexual immorality robs a person of God’s blessings, because it changes your goal of life from self-service to self-gratification.
- b. The conservative, Biblical definition of marriage is the life-long union of one man and one woman into one flesh.

How does the Bible address sex outside of marriage?

- a. **Leviticus 20:10.** *If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.*
- b. **John 8:1-11** *At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”*

¹¹ *“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*

- a. **“brought in a woman caught in adultery.”** – Already a violation of Lev. 20, the Pharisees brought only the woman, not the man.

- b. **“in order to have a basis”** – The Pharisees’ hypocrisy is evident: highlighting the woman’s sin – not for repentance and faith – but to trap Jesus.
- c. **“Any one of you who is without sin”** – Jesus cautions the faithful to examine their own motives, when calling sin out in others.
- d. **“Then neither do I condemn you...Go now and leave your life of sin.”** – Jesus, contrary to the Pharisees, was primarily interested in the spiritual life of the woman. He asserted that her lifestyle was sinful, and that it prevented her from living her best life of joy.