

Fornication

Fornication -- the act of sex outside of marriage. Unmarried or married people can commit this sin. Fornication includes premarital sex, adultery, and homosexuality. The word is used 44 times in one of its various forms. It is a sin committed against one's own body, since it is an intimate physical act involving the joining of one's body to another person's body. It is a grievous sin that God warns about throughout the scriptures, citing examples of His vengeance, which fell on those that committed this sin. The words "sexual immorality" is used in some of the modern translations.

The Wrath of God is Revealed Against Fornication

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, **fornication**, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 2:1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge: for wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge do the same things.

Romans 2:2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Romans 2:3 And do you think this, O man, that judges them which do such things, and do the same, that you shall escape the judgment of God?

Romans 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Romans 2:5 But after your hardness and impenitent heart you treasure up to yourself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Romans 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Examples from History of God's Judgment on Fornication

I Corinthians 10:8 Neither let us commit **fornication**, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to **fornication**, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

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Believers are not to Keep Company with So-called Christians who Commit Fornication

I Corinthians 5:9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with **fornicators**:

Flee Fornication

I Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

I Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

I Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

I Corinthians 6:13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for **fornication**, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

I Corinthians 6:14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

I Corinthians 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid.

I Corinthians 6:16 What? Do you not know that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? for two, said he, shall be one flesh.

I Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

I Corinthians 6:18 Flee **fornication**. Every sin that a man does is without the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body.

I Corinthians 6:19 What? Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own?

I Corinthians 6:20 For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

I Corinthians 7:1 Now concerning the things whereof you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

I Corinthians 7:2 Nevertheless, to avoid **fornication**, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

Ephesians 5:3 But **fornication**, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as is fitting for saints;

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; **fornication**, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

I Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from **fornication**:

Fornication is a Characteristic Behavior of Unbelievers--not Believers

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, **fornication**, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Forgiveness of Fornication Requires Genuine Repentance

II Corinthians 12:21 And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and **fornication** and lasciviousness which they have committed.

Revelation 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their **fornication**, nor of their thefts.