

Written in Stone: #7 Guarding Purity

Exodus 20:14

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As we've seen every week, each of these commandments is bigger and more inclusive than we might have ever thought.

We're not just interested in the letter of the Law, but also the spirit of the Law.

In our context today, the seventh commandment is not just talking about adultery; but, covers every sin of the same kind, meaning all sexual sin.

And because of that, the seventh commandment applies to every one of us here today because each of us needs to guard our purity.

Basic truths we need to affirm:

1. Marriage was established by God between one man and one woman for life.

Genesis 2:18; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

2. Sex is a gift from God, not a shameful desire.

Genesis 2:24

What is adultery?

Pursuing sexual pleasure outside of God's design.

Why is adultery wrong?

Marriage illustrates the love between Christ and the Church.

Ephesians 5:31-32; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

How do we commit adultery?

1. When we pursue inappropriate intimacy.
2. In sexual activity outside marriage.
3. When we lust after someone.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

Matthew 5:27-28

Forgiveness comes from confession.

Freedom comes from repentance!

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